

Lane Fire Authority

Minutes for August 17th, 2017 Board Meeting 88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta

The regular board meeting for Lane Fire Authority was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Board Chair John Baxter.

Members Present:

Pete Holmes Greg Deedon Ryan Walker John Baxter Bill Clendenen
Left at 6:27 p.m.

Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Bills:

Minutes from the July board meeting were approved. There were no questions regarding the treasurer's report.

Correspondence:

Chief Ney read two thank yous from community members.

Chief's Report:

Chief Ney has started the process with Banner Bank for a tax anticipation notice and any bridge loan that may be needed for the seismic project at Crow.

Crow Station- Drilling for the new well at the Crow Station was unsuccessful. Drilling went down 500 feet with no water. Jon Jasper believes there is another area that is possible to drill but the property line needs to be surveyed before beginning a new drilling site.

Conflagrations – Chief Ney has committed the district to two conflagrations. The Forest Service requested ambulance staffing for the Jones Fire (Lowell) along with Eugene/Springfield. LFA & South Lane are alternating days so it is not such a burden.

The Lane County Task Force was activated for the Sisters area fire (Mili) this morning. LFA provided the task force leader.

Chief Ney had to decline our services for a possible second Lane County task force which would leave the district too short handed.

Santa Clara Fire - Chief Ney attended the most recent Santa Clara board meeting. He encouraged the board to make a decision soon. He is holding positions open at LFA to accommodate Santa Clara staff. As a next step, he suggested each board appoint two members and, along with the chiefs, lay out a plan of how to proceed.

Santa Clara is holding a special board meeting August 30th and has asked Chief Ney to attend. Several LFA board members offered to attend the SC board meeting with Chief Ney.

Mill Fire in Junction City – Two tenders were rendered out-of-service; one tender had an electrical fault which caused it to shut down and the other was backed into a car. District Insurance will take care of the car-the tender is at Hughes to determine what repairs need to be done. Tender repair will be on district insurance as well.

Investigations are just now underway to determine how the fire was started.

Public Comment:

None

Volunteer Association Input:

Currently the volunteer association is undergoing reorganization.

Best Practices:

There are conflicting regulations regarding what cadets can/cannot do. The district is doing research on this now and at some point the district will need to come to a decision regarding cadet roles.

New Business:

Topic	Resolution 2017-06 Joint Resolution of the Board of Directors and Local Contract Review Board Opting out of Attorney General’s Model Public Contracting Rules and Amending Public Contracting Rules for Lane Fire Authority
Discussion	Chief Ney read aloud Resolution 2017-06 formally opting out of state rules.
Action Taken	Bill Clendenen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2071-06, seconded by Ryan Walker. All ayes.

Request For Proposal – Per Oregon Law we are not allowed to use price as criteria for proposal selection. Once we have selected a vendor .dollar amounts can be discussed.

Two proposals were considered; one a joint proposal from Pivot Architecture and ZCS Engineering and a proposal from Makenzie. An evaluation of the proposals was previously sent to board members for their perusal.

Pivot Architecture and ZCS Engineering scored highest on the matrix. They have done multiple joint projects in the area. Chief Ney checked references re Pivot which were very good. References for Makenzie were a bit ho-hum.

Topic	Evaluation of Proposals
Discussion	See above
Action Taken	Bill Clendenen made a motion to accept the joint proposal by Pivot Architecture and ZCS Engineering, seconded by Pete Holmes. All ayes

Eclipse – There have been daily conference calls with the State Fire Marshalls Office, Fire Emergency Management and the Department of Forestry regarding expectations/experiences. Each entity filled out forms relating to problems they were experiencing due to the eclipse. This process helped all agencies be aware of issues. Central Oregon will be hit hard. Chief Ney believes I-5 will see increased traffic but nothing in our immediate area. Campgrounds around the OCF site are catering to eclipse watchers. Any shortages of groceries/gas will be short term. Chief Ney’s biggest concern is being called to conflagration and not being able to get there in a timely manner.

Chief Ney will not be in the area for the September board meeting. Board members chose to have Assistant Chief Borland fill in for Chief Ney.

Old Business:

Chief Ney administered the Oath of Office to Bill Clendenen.

There being no further business, the regular business meeting of Lane Fire Authority was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. by board chair John Baxter.

NEXT MEETING: September 21st 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: 88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta, OR