

LFA Board Minutes

Lane Fire Authority

Minutes for July 19th, 2018 Board Meeting

88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta

The regular board meeting for Lane Fire Authority was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by board chair John Baxter.

Board Members Present:

Pete Holmes Greg Deedon Bill Clendenen Ryan Walker John Baxter

Topic	June 2018 Board Minutes
Discussion	
Action taken	Motion made by Ryan Walker and seconded by Pete Holmes to approve July 2018 board minutes. Motion carried –all ayes.

Minutes, Treasurer’s Report and Bills:

There were no questions regarding the Treasurer’s Report. Cash carry over is down from what was anticipated. We will be on a tight budget until we get our tax revenue in November. In the next two weeks we should be getting approximately. \$150,000 for the December California conflagration. There is a hold on capital projects for the summer.

Correspondence:

A Facebook community message was posted regarding LFA responsiveness-it was very complimentary.

Swearing In/Recognition:

Bailey Cooper and Brad Vehafric each received their firefighter badges and helmets – they were sworn in by Chief Ney.

Chief’s Report:

Task Force - A joint Lane and Douglas County task force was sent to the Dalles today. LFA sent a type II engine and three crew members.

4th of July, Rodeo, Oregon Country Fair – There were the usual OCF camp calls, and nothing major for the rodeo or the 4th of July.

Fire Danger Level – Is currently at a high. If the hot weather continues for another week or so the danger level will most likely be raised to extreme.

GEMT-Ground Emergency Medical Transport- a federally funded program that tries to make up the monies that Medicaid does not pay for ground transport. Oregon now has all the pieces in place at the legislative level. The plan is retroactive so by the time everything is in place LFA will be able to collect for two years. This could potentially bring in \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year for LFA.

Disciplinary Action – Chief Ney terminated an employee on June 29th. The union has until the 25th of July to file a grievance (the union rep had a vacation planned previously). The union executive board will determine whether to proceed to arbitration. If the matter goes forward as a wrongful termination law suit it will be turned over to SDAO.

Volunteer Association Input:

None

Best Practices:

None

New Business:

Guest Speaker Roy Hari – gave a presentation regarding response recovery services provided by EF Recovery. This program is based on recovering non tax based revenue for fire departments. The at fault parties insurance policy will pay for the department's response costs. Costs covered include personnel, equipment, consumables used and replacement of damaged or ruined equipment. A packet of information was left for board members to peruse.

Elections – Because two board members are absent, officer elections will be postponed until the August board meeting.

Old Business:

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: August 16th 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta, OR