

Lane Fire Authority

Minutes for January 18th, 2018 Board Meeting

88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta

The regular board meeting for Lane Fire Authority was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board chair John Baxter.

Members Present:

Pete Holmes Greg Deedon Ryan Walker John Baxter Bill Clendenen

Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Bills:

January's board minutes were approved.

There were no questions regarding the treasurer's report.

Chief Ney reported on conflagration billing for the 2017 season. Jones Fire funds will be used to purchase three new monitor defibrillators - all three front line medics will have one. A portion of funds will go into apparatus reserve, a portion to equipment reserve and new shelters purchased.

Correspondence:

None

Chief's Report:

Conflagrations - December's big event was going to a wildland fire in California which went well by all accounts.

The Fire Defense Board will need to get a second double axle trailer. They are also looking into asking each agency participating in conflagrations to contribute 1% of what each district collects to purchase equipment.

The Fire Defense Board also needs to come up with a pre-plan for California conflagrations because they use strike teams instead of task forces like Oregon.

The conflagration calendar will also need to be extended.

Structure Fire - We had a working structure in Walton which went well. The older mobile home was collapsing when crews arrived but the shop was saved.

BOB (Big Orange Boat) – The newly acquired boat is at Mel's Marine - the engines are being serviced this week. BOB will then go to Conor to be cleaned and polished and on to Robert for wiring.

Public Comment:

None

Volunteer Association Input:

Best Practices:

Topic	Policy C-1.3 Fire District Complaint Policy
Discussion	This policy gives a system for processing complaints from citizens.
Action Taken	Motion to approve made by Greg Deedon, seconded by Ryan Walker. All ayes.

New Business:

Ordinance Adopting Fire Season Regulations - The purpose of proposed ordinance 2018-1 is to establish fire season regulations consistent with the Oregon Department of Forestry. This ordinance would give the district jurisdiction to enforce provisions of the ordinance throughout LFA territory, including cities.

The ordinance would also enable LFA to recover costs of suppressing an unlawful fire from the person responsible. Chief Ney will check with the attorney regarding how the rate fee is established – whether to cite it in the ordinance or adopt a resolution.

There must be two readings of the ordinance, one each during February and March board meetings.

Old Business:

Santa Clara Update - Chiefs Ney and Wood began the process of developing an agreement by going through the IGA between LRFR and LCFD#1 but realized an IGA is quite different from what LFA and Santa Clara will be doing. It will be more towards a contract for services. LFA will “adopt” Santa Clara people and provide services and Santa Clara will pay LFA for those services. Chief Ney has been in touch with the attorney to describe what the districts are trying to accomplish with the hope that he could come back to the board in February with something in the form of a contract.

LFA will not be paying volunteers from Santa Clara – the system LFA uses has been explained to folks at Santa Clara.

Chief Wood is attending management team meetings.

A work group has been established to look at staffing models and make suggestions regarding more reliable coverage at Stations 101 and 115.

We cannot sustain paying Duty Officers.

Reliable coverage is especially important at Station 115 so at some point there can be a coordinated effort with Eugene-Springfield about who covers what.

Chief Ney would like better coverage at 101. Modifying north, central and south battalion lines would help accomplish this. By Including Station 103 (Butler), Station 114 (Alderwood) and automatic aid in Central Battalion, the call volume that will be coming from Santa Clara will be better handled from Station 115 too. Chief Ney thinks Santa Clara will add approximately 500-600 calls a year.

Fall 2017Academy-Evelynne Hoy introduced herself as a graduate of the fall academy.

Chief Ney plans on all introductions, promotions etc. to become a board meeting agenda item.

There being no further business, the regular business meeting of Lane Fire Authority was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. by board chair John Baxter.

NEXT MEETING: February 15th 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta, OR