

Lane Fire Authority & Santa Clara Fire

Minutes for August 19th, 2021 Board Meeting 88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta, OR

The regular board meetings for Santa Clara Fire and Lane Fire Authority were called to order at 6:01 pm by Santa Clara Board President Russ Sirotek and Lane Fire Authority Board President Ryan Walker. Both meetings were held virtually and in person.

Board Members Present:

Pete Holmes Bill Clendenen Ryan Walker John Baxter Greg Deedon
In person Virtually In person In person

Rod Graves Susan Smith Don Phillips Russ Sirotek Frank Taubenkrau
Virtually In person Virtually In person

Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Bills:

Topic	July 2021 Board Minutes
Discussion	
Action taken	John Baxter made a motion to approve July 2021 board minutes, seconded by Pete Holmes. All ayes.

Treasurers Report:

No questions were asked.

The Finance Committee met and are beginning to put forth their "wish" list and needs for the next budget cycle.

AC Wood is working on putting historical information in graph form.

Banner Bank - Chief Borland has been working with a new Banner Bank loan officer for the TAN.

This year will be the last payment on the 10-year loan from Banner. The last payment will be approximately 64,000. The district is approved for a new 600,000 loan (thru Banner Bank and separate from the TAN) and will proceed with the loan once the TAN is complete.

Grant – The monies for the \$750,000 grant from the offices of Holvey and Prozanski are in a holding pattern while they follow their guidelines for distribution. In the meantime, district personnel have time to determine district needs.

A board member spoke about challenging the Finance Committee to prioritize district needs.

Correspondence:

Chief Borland received a very nice thankyou from the Harrisburg Fire Chief for assistance with a hay barn fire in Harrisburg.

Promotions:

Barry Nelson was promoted to Captain.

Chiefs Report:

Lane County Elections – The statements for the May election and ballot measure have been received. LFA's was approximately \$8,000 and SCF was \$2,350.

Grant Cycle – The grant cycle is coming up again. The state is nearing the kick-off date for Coordinated Care which will be retroactive to last January. This is different from the fee for service (Medicare). Our contractor (PCG) will assist with providing a contract to all CCO providers.

Badger Tower/McBeth –LCSO is taking over the old Badger Tower site. Chief Borland has signed the contract between LCSO and the district.

The tower itself has been moved to the McBeth Station (107) and is in operation.

Fires – The most recent fire, the Kwiss Fire near Oakridge, was de-mobed last Saturday. The Gales Fire is a concern due to the fact that it could make a run towards Westfir/Oakridge.

The State Fire Marshals Office is just a call away from ramping back up if this is the case.

Fire Danger – ODF dropped the fire danger level from extreme to high mid-day on Tuesday.

The weather that came through a couple of weeks ago caused several lightning strikes. One strike was on Bolton Hill and took crews quite awhile to get to – thankfully the fire did not burn much.

LFA and ODF have developed a close working relationship and work very well together.

Covid – District stations remain closed to the general public. CPR classes will be conducted primarily at Station 101.

All state workers will need to be fully vaccinated by Oct. 18, or six weeks after the COVID-19 vaccines receive full U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval.

There are three people within the district that have not been vaccinated-they will be made aware of the new guidelines.

The district has forty rapid Covid tests available.

Eugene/Springfield Fire would like to continue the agreement to use Station 116 as an option for quarantine quarters. There will need to be discussion regarding how to coordinate station residents and anyone that needs to be quarantined.

A board member requested increased service on the air system if anyone is quarantined at 116.

AC Wood will send SCF board members an email and post a sign on exterior doors if anyone is quarantined.

Flu Vaccinations – are coming up and available to board members.

Audit – District audits should be complete in October.

Opportunity – The Operations Chief at ESF extended an opportunity to LFA for standby at Duck games.

Station 113 – There are water issues which seem to be an equipment problem along with a leak in the line. 113 crews housed at station 101 for a couple of days.

New Engine – AC Wood reported that the new engine will be done in January as planned.

Grants – AC Wood reported there is no new news on the American Rescue Plan funding.

AC Wood has been working with a new FEMA rep – several items have been added back as items FEMA will reimburse the district for.

IAFF: Bill Potterf stated the district has been crazy busy with transports and complimented crews on their resilience. During July there were 643 calls – the average is about 400.

Public Comment: None

Recruitment/Retention: Mark Boren spoke about the upcoming group of academy candidates. The interviews are complete-physical agility testing is coming up. He will begin recruiting for spring academy in December.

Volunteer Association:

New officers were elected; President-Thomas Gish, Vice President -Daniel Kemp, Secretary-Hayley Evans, Treasurer – Mark Peabody, Member at Large – Mike Speiser.

Mark Peabody shared the purpose and vision of the volunteer association and what they have accomplished so far.

Best Practices: None

New Business:

Topic	LFA Banner Bank Tan Resolution 2021-22 Number 3
Discussion	All board members previously received a copy of the resolution. Chief Borland read the resolution aloud.
Action taken	John Baxter made a motion to approve resolution Number 3, seconded by Pete Holmes. All ayes

Topic	Appointing Chief Borland as Authorized Signer for the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)
Discussion	
Action taken	Pete Holmes made a motion to appoint Chief Borland as the authorized signer for TAN documents, seconded by John Baxter. All ayes.

The remount chassis will be coming soon and another is on order.

Topic	Air Conditioning in Engine 116
Discussion	Engine 116 does not have AC. In this hot weather it is wearing on crews. SCF board members requested LFA pay half the cost of installing AC. The installation will take several weeks.
Action taken	Motion made by Rod Graves to split the cost of AC installation in engine 116, seconded by Susan Smith. All ayes.

A suggestion was made to make Engine 116 the frontline engine until the new engine arrives.

In Other Discussion:

Topic	Additional Cameras at Station 117
Discussion	AC Wood would like to have 3 additional cameras installed at Station 117. The bid was for \$2,273.
Action taken	Motion made by Rod Graves to approved the installation of 3 additional cameras, seconded by Susan Smith. All ayes.

Swearing In:

Bill Clendenen was sworn-in as Director Position Number 1.

Response Times:

Chief Borland is in the process of extracting response times from data. He will have more information available at the next board meeting.

The regular board meetings for Santa Clara Fire and Lane Fire Authority were adjourned at 7:42 pm by board presidents, Ryan Walker (LFA) and Russ Sirotek (SCF).

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: September 16th, 2021 6:00 PM

LOCATION: In Person at Station 101 and virtually

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