

Lane Fire Authority

Minutes for October 19th, 2017 Board Meeting

88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta

The regular board meeting for Lane Fire Authority was called to order at 6:05 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:

Minutes from the September board meeting were approved. There were no questions regarding the treasurer's report. We did receive the tax anticipation note and will be operating with those funds until approx. December

Correspondence:

Chief Ney shared that LFA received two phone calls praising the contributions of our firefighters that were a part of the task force that went to the California fires.

Chief's Report:

California Conflagration – 75 engines from Oregon were sent. Lane County sent two strike teams. Demobilization began today (October 19th) with LFA crews coming home the 21st. Oregon contracts for portal to portal pay.

Coast Guard Boat – LFA has acquired a 25' Coast Guard FEPP boat with an enclosed cabin, a triple axel trailer and two large outboards (which we need to pay for). We may want to consider selling the smaller boat.

Medic Hiring – With one member of the medic staff out for the next 30 days, Chief Ney is declaring a hiring emergency. LFA recently hired two medics, Kavi Taraka and Brandon Bowers. Bowers resigned last week after recognizing his limitations in being able to fulfill the position.

Chief Ney would like to look at a candidate from the last hiring process that was unable to attend the interview due to his wedding. A lateral hire would satisfy the Safer Grant. The Union and staff support this.

Topic	Hiring Emergency (Lateral)
Discussion	See above
Action Taken	Motion to accept made by Bill Clendenen, seconded by John Baxter. All ayes.

Tire Fire – This is a nasty recurring problem.

Public Comment:

None

Volunteer Association Input:

Kristy Cates presented dates for a Halloween party at Station 112 (Alvadore) as well as dates for the annual Holiday food drives and parades.

Kristy also shared information about the Mac and the expenses required to maintain it.

Best Practices:

None

New Business:

Property Next to Station 101 – The purchase of the property adjacent to 101 will be made in December.

Alvadore Library – A question about who owns the property the Alvadore Library sits on was brought up and we will check with Bruce Jensen. There has been a decline in the usefulness of the library. A food bank has shown some interest in using the building.

There is no new information regarding the Wildland Prevention Ordinance at this time.

There being no further business, the regular business meeting of Lane Fire Authority was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. by board chair John Baxter.

NEXT MEETING: November 16th 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta, OR