

Lane Fire Authority

Minutes for September 21st, 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 Vice President Greg Deedon.

Members Present:

Pete Holmes Greg Deedon Ryan Walker John Baxter Bill Clendenen

Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Bills:

Minutes from the August 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 rescheduled his vacation for the first weeks in October.

Santa Clara Fire -Directors Pete Holmes and John Baxter, Chiefs Ney and Wood, along with two directors from Santa Clara will meet sometime in the next month to discuss combining the two districts. No specific date has been set.

Task Forces - LFA got through the task force season with just a couple of incidents – an LFA Tahoe was hit. That vehicle is out for repair. Our insurance will pay to repair the damage and then pursue recovery from the other party.

While at the Chetco Fire, two LFA task force members had several items stolen, one of which was a turn-out jacket. Chief Ney's concern is that someone wanting to get past check points for the wrong reasons may be in possession of the jacket. No issues regarding the jacket were reported

Jones Fire – LFA is continuing to send a staffed medic unit to the Jones fire and will continue to do so until sometime in October. It has been a bit of a challenge for staffing however the district is making good money.

Crow Station 111 – Chief Ney and Jon Jasper have met with the architects for the seismic rehab. A request for staff input of future needs for a station that will potentially be staffed was made.

The second well at the station yields about 4 gpm and is approximately 200 feet deep. In conjunction with a holding tank 4 gpm will service the station just fine.

Surplus Coast Guard Boat - An FEP return of a 24-25 foot boat may be worth taking a look at. More to come from Chief Ney.

Safer Grant- Hiring for the Safer Grant positions is now complete. The candidates hired are Patrick Summerfield, Kavi Taraka (internal hire) and Brandon Bowers.

Recruit Academy – The fall recruit academy began last week. LFA is being a little more judicious in their selection process. This is one of the smaller academies there has been.

Public Comment:

None

Volunteer Association Input:

None

Best Practices:

None

New Business:

Topic	Resolution 2017-07 Approving Loans as Follows: Construction Loan for Seismic Improvements at Station 111 Tax Anticipation Note for General
Discussion	Lane Fire Authority has been approved by Banner for a construction loan as well as a tax anticipation note. The loan is approved and the bank desires a resolution from the board. Chief Ney read aloud resolution 2017-07.
Action Taken	Motion to accept resolution 2017-07 made by Bill Clendenen, seconded by Pete Holmes. All ayes

Wildland Fire Prevention Ordinance- If LFA needs to deal with a fire prevention issue and it is in ODF territory, we can involve ODF and they will issue a citation if needed. If an issue arises within the city of Veneta, such as an illegal burn, we can get the sheriff's office involved. Judges are reluctant to prosecute class D misdemeanors, however in the case of fire the potential harm to the public is quite high.

There are no laws in the fire code stating that we (as a fire department) can limit hours of operation unless an ordinance can be cited. Chief Ney plans on having a conversation with Christy Monson from The Law Group regarding specific conditions regarding an ordinance and would model guidelines similar to what ODF has put forth. If the Law Group determines an ordinance is doable, Chief Ney will come back to board asking to pass an ordinance.

An ordinance would not allow us to write tickets- ODF or a county sheriff would still need to do that. Sheriff's office individuals that Chief Ney has spoken to are supportive of having an ordinance and working with us. This would not be a 100% solution but would help us mitigate issues during fire danger times.

Old Business:

None

There being no further business, the regular business meeting of Lane Fire Authority was adjourned at 6:33 p.m. by board vice president Greg Deedon.

NEXT MEETING: October 19th 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: 88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta, OR