

Lane Fire Authority

Minutes for April 19th, 2018 Board Meeting

88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta

The regular board meeting for Lane Fire Authority was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Board Chair John Baxter.

Members Present:

Pete Holmes Greg Deedon Ryan Walker John Baxter Bill Clendenen

Present from Santa Clara Fire District: Chief Randy Wood and director Russ Sirotek.

Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Bills:

March board minutes were approved.

There were no questions regarding the treasurer's report.

Correspondence:

Chief Ney read thankyou notes received from community members.

Swearing In/Recognition:

Matt Snauer and Ethan Wilkie each received their 15 year service award.

Seth Opp-Beckman was promoted to Firefighter.

Chief's Report:

ODF will be leasing and staffing Station 114 (Alderwood) for four months this season at \$250 a month. The lease money will go toward the purchase of two beds for personnel. ODF will house a Type 6 apparatus at the station.

Staffing changes at LFA – The issue is that we are over budget due to the California fires and the Duty Officer program. Conflagrations will become a line item for the 2018-19 Budget.

Three personnel from station 101 will go to a 48/96 shift.

To eliminate the Duty Office position several changes will be made. There will be a captain's exam this fall. Captains will focus on shift matters and Lieutenants focus on station matters.

Job descriptions for lieutenants and captains will be rewritten to reflect the changes.

The overtime list will be revamped in an effort to make it less complex. Ideally there will be one list for everyone.

The end-goal with the City of Eugene is to draw a line (in the area where response is duplicated) that makes sense so there is no longer a duplicate response to calls. In order to do this, LFA needs to have a 24/7 staffed engine with a paramedic so LFA is able to provide the same level of service as Eugene-Springfield.

Station 116 (Santa Clara) - Chief Ney feels that once a recruit has a proven level of training and experience, stations 116 or 111 could potentially be a good mid-point for those requiring less supervision than stations 101 or 115.

Captain Staniak and Ryan Rush are riding along on the medic to familiarize themselves.

Crow Station 111 – The long-term goal is to house a medic and have sleeping quarters for three. Jon Jasper and Kurt Wilson (Pivot Architecture) handed out information and spoke about changes that will be covered by the grant. The state has been receptive to the changes that have been discussed. Three sources of funds for the project are the seismic grant funds, a short term construction loan (if needed) and funds that have been set aside.

Public Comment:

None

Volunteer Association Input:

None

Best Practices:

Topic	Cell Phone Use Policy P 7.5
Discussion	Board members previously received a copy of the current policy. A recommendation was made to increase the phone replacement dollar amount from \$150 to \$200 if a member cell phone is lost, stolen or damaged or destroyed.
Action Taken	Motion to approve made by Pete Holmes, seconded by Greg Deedon. All ayes.

A cadet on Wildfires- There is no clear answer from either BOLI or the attorneys regarding cadets on wildfires. LFA's SOG, Cadet Response Guidelines Chapter 2, 1.2, states that cadets (16-17 year olds) are restricted from any or all initial or direct attack on wildland or forest fires. A cadet may go to a wildland fire but may NOT be involved in fighting fire. Several board members and staff feel the learning experience is invaluable for cadets and are comfortable with Policy V 1.3 and the aforementioned SOG. The board determined that the policy and SOG will stand as written.

Driving Age – Policy V 1.3 1.3.2 also addresses driving age and says that anyone 17 years old and possessing a valid Oregon driver's license can participate in driving any district vehicle under the weight of 6,000 pounds GVW during daylight hours for emergency vehicle operations cone course training. The board concurs and the policy will stand as written.

New Business:

Santa Clara Contract – A few changes were made to the contract between Santa Clara Fire & LFA: The changes read as follows:

Section 3 Governance

ii. Authority. The oversight committee will have authority over any matters pertaining to the services that Lane Fire Authority provides to Santa Clara Fire District, or regarding personnel that were transferred to LFA from SCFD. The fire chief will report to the oversight committee on these topics.

Section 6:

SCF will pay LFA \$700,000 for fiscal year 2018-19, with an automatic 2.5% increase for subsequent years. This will be reviewed, and if necessary, renegotiated, after the ratification of each LFA collective bargaining agreement. to increase by 2.5% (which is tied back to the collective bargaining agreement).

Addendum

This section states actual dollar amounts that Santa Clara personnel will start at.

Topic	Intergovernmental Agreement Between Lane Fire Authority and Santa Clara Fire
Discussion	Board members previously received a copy of the IGA. A couple of changes within the contract (noted above) were brought up by Chief Ney.
Action Taken	Motion to approve and accept the IGA between LFA and SC as written and direct board president John Baxter to sign (contingent on ratification by Santa Clara Board) made by Greg Deedon, seconded by John Baxter. All ayes.

Chiefs Ney & Wood are proceeding as though the IGA will move forward and be approved.

The IGA will go before the Santa Clara Fire Board of Directors during their May 7th board meeting for their approval.

Captain Staniak and Ryan Rush (SCF) have been riding along with and orienting themselves the LFA's medic units.

Chief Wood has been attending LFA officer meetings and board meetings.

Old Business:

None

There being no further business, the regular business meeting of Lane Fire Authority was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by board chair John Baxter.

NEXT MEETING: May 17th 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta, Or