

LFA Board Minutes

Lane Fire Authority & Santa Clara Fire

Minutes for February 18th, 2021 Board Meeting

88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta, OR

The regular board meetings for both Santa Clara Fire and Lane Fire Authority were called to order at 6:00 pm by board Presidents Russ Sirotek and Greg Deedon respectively. Both board meetings were held virtually.

Board Members Present:

Pete Holmes Bill Clendenen Ryan Walker John Baxter Greg Deedon
(present in person)

Rod Graves Susan Smith Don Phillips Russ Sirotek Frank Taubenkrau
present at 6:08 pm

Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Bills:

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

Treasurers Report:

LFA is just over 95% of projected revenue from Life Flight.

SCF Has gone beyond the tax revenue projection for the year.

LFA is upside down with Covid expenses and attempting to remedy at least a portion of the expenditure with grants.

LFA is on pace to meet tax receipt expectations.

LFA is on pace with transport revenue and actually ahead of the projected amount.

Payment for both White River and Holliday Farm Fires has been received in the amount of \$192,000. At some point LFA will need to have a resolution to receive conflagration income into the budget. This will help bring some expenditure line items back in order.

A question was raised regarding a contingency plan to cover operating expenses. Chief Borland explained that FEMA will reimburse for some Covid expenses. The money from the grant for the new

engine will be coming in and personnel services will be balanced out a bit when conflagration money is moved in by resolution. When expected revenues come in, the ledger will be more balanced.

The money from SCF to LFA for the new engine was taken from the contractual money (line item (2104). The \$515,000 FEMA reimbursement will go into the LFA budget.

Any Covid items not reimbursable will be returned to the manufacturer.

SDAO sent an email re a proposed package for Covid expenses from Biden going through the federal side. Special Districts were omitted from that funding. The email from SDAO has a link to support including Special Districts in the relief package.

Director Clendenen would like a report on the gaps that exist in some budget categories and the plan to close the gap. He would like the report at the March board meeting.

Recognition: None

Correspondence: None

Promotions: None

Chiefs Report:

Finance Committee – met yesterday. The budget calendar is being developed. Chief Borland will present a worst-case scenario budget i.e., without the measure passing. If the measure passes it is much easier to bring funds into the budget rather than take them away.

Personnel positions may need to be shifted around.

Levy language is finalized and will be sent to board members.

Paper work for the measure has been filed and now we are in the challenge period. When the challenge period is over a ballot measure number will be given.

Holiday Farm Fire -Chief Bucich from McKenzie Fire held a Holiday Farm after action review. Much of the discussion centered around evacuation procedures in Lane County and ways to improve the system.

Badger Tower- LFA received a bill from Blachly Lane Electric for over \$3,100 for two years back power usage. After doing some verification, Chief Borland confirmed that LFA put in a new service and have been paying for power usage. The problem lies with Blachly Lane Electric and Bonneville.

New FF/Paramedic - Josh Renolds is LFA's newest FF/Paramedic, he started February 8th.

Covid Vaccines- Most LFA folks have had their 2nd vaccine. LFA personnel are close to 90% vaccinated.

Lane County should be coming down from the extreme level to high -things should begin to open up.

SCF Projects - Chief Borland would like to finish the costing model for LFA to providing service to SCF. He would also like to see what response times are going into Santa Clara.

The station at the 2626 River Road needs a new flag.

AFG Grant- A \$300,000 grant for a new ambulance was recently submitted.

Radio Grant - This is a regional grant written by ESF personnel that would covering radios. About 20% of Lane County radios are non-compliant.

FMAG Grant- This grant is for paying overtime expenses the state did not cover during the Holiday Farm Fire.

Covid Grant - For miscellaneous Covid supplies like glide scopes and defibrillators.

Wildland Grant – A grant that would pay for hose. LFA will be requesting 1” fire hose f LFA request would be around\$15,000.

A grant to help students/staff pay for schooling is being considered.

IAFF: Crews have been busy. Welcome to Josh Renolds our newest FF/Paramedic, he is doing a great job!

Public Comment: None

Volunteer Association: None

Best Practices: None

New Business:

Station 108 - Over 40 years ago a lease was established for the property the station sits on which has now expired. Chief Borland will be sending the new lease proposal to legal for review. The new lease proposes that all improvement remain on the property.

Once legal has had a chance to review the document, board members will be sent a copy of the lease for possible approval at the next board meeting.

Old Business: None

Executive Session:

The Regular Business meeting for LFA was recessed by LFA Board President at 7:03 p.m. for the purpose of going in to Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.610 (2)(b) “To consider the dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent who does not request an open hearing.”

The regular business meeting of Lane Fire Authority was reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

There being no further business, the regular business meetings of Lane Fire Authority And Santa ClaraFire were adjourned by board president's Greg Deedon and Russ Sirotek, respectively at 7:15 pm.

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: March
18, 2021 6:00 PM LOCATION: VIRTUAL
MEETING**