

Lane Fire Authority

Minutes for May 18th, 2017 Board Meeting
88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta

The regular board meeting for Lane Fire Authority was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Board Chair Pete Holmes.

Members Present:

Pete Holmes Greg Deedon Ryan Walker John Baxter Bill Clendenen

New Business: Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget

Topic	Appoint Budget Committee Chairperson for 2017-18
Discussion	Nomination of Larry von Moos as 2017-18 Budget Committee Chair.
Action taken	Motion made by Pete Holmes and seconded by John Baxter to appoint Larry von Moos as budget chair for fiscal year 2017-18. Motion carried –all ayes.

The regular board meeting of Lane Fire Authority was recessed at 6:15 p.m.

The 2017-18 Budget Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Budget Committee Chair Larry von Moos.

Budget Committee Members:

Pete Holmes Greg Deedon Ryan Walker John Baxter Bill Clendenen
 Heather Kent Aaron Shoemaker Jane Austin Larry von Moos

Topic	2017-18 Budget Presentation & Motion to Accept
Discussion	Chief Ney presented the proposed budget for Lane Fire Authority. Details of the budget were explained. Questions were answered as they came up.
Action Taken	John Baxter made a motion to accept the 2017-18 budget as presented, motion seconded by Pete Holmes. All ayes.

Topic	Lane Fire Authority Resolution 2017-01 Proposing the Budget & Adopting the Tax Rate Levy for 2017-18
Discussion	Chief Ney read aloud Resolution 2017-01 adopting the proposed budget and permanent tax rate to levy taxes for the General Fund.
Action Taken	Motion to adopt the Lane Fire Authority budget and permanent tax rate levy as presented made by John Baxter, seconded by Ryan Walker. Motion carried - all ayes.

Budget Committee Chairman Larry von Moos adjourned the Budget Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The regular board meeting was reconvened by Chair Pete Holmes at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Bills:

Minutes from the April board meeting were approved. There were no questions regarding the treasurer's report for April.

Correspondence: Chief read a letter from Life Flight regarding a recent transport.

Chief's Report:

The **Santa Clara Fire** board meeting presentation went very well. Chief Ney feels there is a good possibility this could be put together by the 1st of January. LFA would bring over the SCF three employees: Chief Wood would be in charge of training and maintenance, Chief Borland in charge of all operations including EMS and Chief Ney would remain in an oversight role. Two other FTE's would go to 115 and begin staffing an engine full time. Another FTE position could be hired with money saved from the assistant chief position. Additionally, there is the potential Safer Grant that would allow the hiring of three additional positions.

Everyone would have the opportunity to float between the engine and ambulance giving line staff the opportunity to be off the ambulance for a period of time.

LFA would absorb SCF's material and services and personnel services as well as portions of the SCF budget. SCF would retain ownership of stations, equipment and reserve funds. The rest of the funds would be transferred to LFA which would be used to conduct operations.

The northern station, which just had a seismic remodel and has bedroom space, would become staffed by out of district volunteers and community volunteers pulling shifts. The southern station would be used as a storage facility. We would absorb their engines (4), one operating out of the sub-station, sell the old front mount pumper and the other two would become part of the LFA fleet. We are supposed to have two reserve engines for our size fleet so this would work perfectly

The SCF board will need to vote on any changes regarding coming together with Lane Fire Authority.

LFA needs to work out a mechanism so SCF has representation at board meetings. Santa Clara Fire will attend our July board meeting and representation can be discussed at that time.

Chief Ney doesn't see a full merger ever happening because Santa Clara's tax rate is much less than LFA's.

Chief Ney attended the **Oregon Chief's Conference** at Eagle Crest. He brought back information regarding firefighter cancer, specifically hoods with no impervious barrier. Chief Ney will be having conversations with regarding this area of concern.

Chief Ney read **Chief Heppel's letter of resignation**. Chief Heppel will be honored at the July board meeting.

Chief Strain will be with LFA through June 30th - Chief Ney asked him to attend the July board meeting.

Standards of Coverage – Chief Strain presented a set a “standards” that LFA has the ability to provide to the community. Standards of Coverage create a frame work that tells the community what they can expect from LFA. From the Standards of Coverage, a strategic plan can be developed. A draft of the “standards” was presented to board members to read and if the document meets with board approval, adopted. Chief Strain made every effort to keep the data very honest and did not skew it in any way.

In addition to the **seismic grant for the Crow Station**, LFA received an additional \$40,000 to be used specifically for items outside the seismic work i.e., the addition of bedrooms and a bathroom.

Over the next year Chief Ney will be working on a strategic plan giving LFA the ability to forecast future funding and very likely involving a bond levy.

Public Comment: None

Volunteer Association Input:

The Association will not be holding the Em’s game event this year.

Best Practices:

Chief Ney will have the educational benefit policies ready for the July board meeting.

New Business:

Topic	Motion to Accept 2015-16 Budget Year Audits for LRFR and LCFD#1
Discussion	Board members previously received a copy of the audit for budget year 2015-16.
Action Taken	John Baxter made a motion to accept the 2015-16 audits as presented. All ayes.

A suggestion was made to remove the LCFD #1 signs and replace them with LFA signs. Chief Ney will talk to both state and county people about updating the signs as well as adding signs in north battalion.

Old Business:

None

There being no further business, the regular business meeting of Lane Fire Authority was adjourned at 7:35 by board chair Pete Holmes.

NEXT MEETING: June 15th 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta, OR