

Lane County Fire Defense Board

Mohawk Valley Fire District

March 19, 2026

**Minutes/Financials** - Motion to approve: D. Borland 2<sup>nd</sup> by: C. Minter - Unanimous

Guest Presentation: Protect our County is a PAC that presented on concerns for measure 20-373 in Lane County which risks unintended and negative consequences which may impact fire Districts. The FDB was given the opportunity to ask questions and seek more information about the proposed measure. Handouts, including information about the measure and the terminology and the Lane County Bill of Rights. These handouts were provided in the room and would be available for anyone remote requesting the documents.

**CLCC:** Swisshome Deadwood RFPD is looking to come onboard with CLCC as their dispatch agency. Job filling processes underway for open leadership positions.

**OSFM:** Brief discussion about policy development for fire investigations related to wildland incidents. This is only firming up our existing process. There are a lot of positions open with OSFM. Short session funding is happening - brief updates on budget items currently impacting OSFM. An email was sent out by Brent regarding updates as they pertain to his program.

**LCSSO:** Brief update on retirement transition plan impacting search and rescue which will be under new leadership. CWPP updates are happening within Lane County, watch for updates and areas where support is needed at a local district level.

**Region 5:** Updates provided and classes hosted on the website.

**Lane ESD:** Brief update on the weekend training for the program, which is going well.

**LCC:** No report.

**Emergency Management:** Continuing to develop a plan for the tabletop wildfire exercise with invites coming out soon. A candidate has been provided a job offer for the open Emergency Manager position for Lane County.

**Radio:** Fire West has been cut over on the new infrastructure. The cut over for Fire East is anticipated at the first of April. Monitoring systems are getting established to be live. Assisting on a project with NOAA which impacts some radio projects for weather radio related work. Updates to follow.

**Wildland:** Committee met last week and the matrix is out for summer 2026. Thermal imaging cameras are on order. Trailers are getting serviced and we expect trailer 2 to be moved to Mohawk Valley as a storage location.

**Old Business:**

ASA Taskforce: No updates.

Tablet Command: No updates.

Upper McKenzie Ambulance: Chief Zeni provided updates online regarding efforts with the ASA committee. Chief Zeni is asking for support from the Lane County Fire Defense Board to further promote his efforts in advancing changes within the ambulance codes. Specifically, requesting support that Upper McKenzie, within their own district, can establish a local level ambulance that assists and supports the ASA holder in direct service, including intercepts.

**Motion for support made by S. Wallace, and the motion is 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Minter.**

Discussion: Chief Caven expressed his concerns and specifically the request that before a motion is put forward and approved, discussion happens with the ASA partners, not just ESF. The position expressed is on behalf of the City of Springfield who holds the ASA in Upper McKenzie. Chief Borland and Chief Wooten both extended a feeling further about concern that the FDB body is cautious on how we approach the matter and express support. Expressing support and requesting code changes without further information are two different things. Discussion ensued.

S. Wallace withdrew his motion after discussion recognizing we support the intent behind this effort, but a formal opinion on a legal matter is premature.

**New Business:**

**CLCC Finance Presentation for FY 26:** Tim Costin presented on the budget projections for CLCC for the approaching fiscal year. This included billing and expenses for the next year. Handouts provided to people in the classroom and circulated by email prior to the meeting. This is informational and impacts billing for the next year.

Information sharing completed for those in person and online.

Meeting Adjourned: 14:15hrs.