

Fire Defense Board
February 16, 2023
Lane Fire Authority

Call to Order: 1300 by C. Minter

Minutes: Approval of the minutes motion made by D. Borland with a 2nd by S. Wallace
Unanimous.

Radio Group Discussion: Bucich provided an update to the progress on the future radio group which may be governed by a 5-person board elected by the users or end users. They are working hard to get some budget figures together to help get amounts out to users for budget considerations for next year. Evaluating employee staffing for this area/this project and then also estimating what it might cost to have a maintenance process in place.

Agency Reports:

CLCC: Gave some additional clarity on fees and costs that aren't necessarily radio and may be folded into the new finance costs and what to anticipate for the operating cost for dispatch. Update to emergency messaging system and navigating to the Oregon Statewide system. Rob is working to begin visiting with agencies again and staying connected on challenges and issues facing our agencies.

OSFM: May 15-16 Task Force Leader Symposium in Central Oregon. Grant update: Engine program meets in March - awards announced in April. Capacity Grant: April Announcements now. March is the anticipated date for the Defensible space grant as well as the summer staffing grant coming back. Fire Danger boards are being published and created. Agencies can get up to three but only one is guaranteed. Expect March to launch a kickoff to start campaigning information about the defensible space rules/regulations. More to follow. Plan of cooperation work making its way through Lane County agencies. Pleases contact Kristina to complete yours or look for her to be contacting you if she hasn't already. Kristina's position is going to be moved back to being Lane County only and no longer having to worry about Coos County or the other Counties that she has backed up. Kristina will also be on vacation starting Friday through March 5th.

LCISO: None

Emergency Management: HB2522 requires evacuation planning and is on the horizon for consideration for Emergency Management. One of the first areas that are being evaluated are those in the back South side of Eugene/South Hills like Fox Hollow. May 19th Wildfire tabletop exercise hosted by Lane County. Cedar Creek fire received potential FMAG financing - watch for potential funding.

Committee Reports:

Region 5 Training: No report.

LCC Advisory: No report.

Radio Group: Provided update on radio site work underway and power increase efforts at Nebo.

Wildland: ODF is starting to pull a list for summer hires and staffing for the next wildland season. Short discussion about Dorena's efforts to form a fire district. ODF anticipates starting some of the seasonal staff earlier this season.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Info sharing:

Discussion for those present with information to share.

Meeting Adjourned 1346 hours.