

Lane County Fire Defense Board  
April 18, 2024  
Lane Fire Authority

Called to order at 13:00 by Woolridge

Approval of the Minutes: Motion C. Minter 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Borland **Unanimous**

Agency Reports:

CLCC: Finance reports were sent out for next fiscal year dispatch fees. See Rob with questions or concerns. If needed, in May the finance staff will come out. Still hiring but seeing turnover that leads to low staff/vacant positions.

OSFM: CWRR reporting on grants is out. If there are special events in your community, let OSFM staff know because they are happy to participate with public education. When referencing wildfire risk, visit [wildfirerisk.gov](http://wildfirerisk.gov) for rating and mapping information. State Fire Defense Board meeting is scheduled on the 29<sup>th</sup> at the Riverhouse in Bend. Task Force Leadership symposium, Spirit Mountain in May. S270 discussion, encouraged those personnel take S270 to help support air to ground support. Short discussion regarding the debris collection points around Lane County and what public works has intended to do with these debris to mitigate risk this summer.

LCISO: Emergency management – the disaster was formally declared by FEMA for the January 2024 ice-storm in Lane County.

Region 5/LCC: See the website for training available around Lane County.

Radio Group: Visited Nebo on Monday and some repairs have been made which will hopefully stabilize some connectivity issues. Pricing is being gathered for the needed repair issues. Visited the Coburg site regarding the inventory of equipment in the consideration of the leasing of the property with the looming changes. A brief update was provided on a secondary/alternative site for consideration in place of the Coburg radio site lease problem.

Group provided a report on a collaborative Federal funding request from a year ago which would provide a large investment into the infrastructure in Lane County. This effort also included funding for additional radios for end users to access this trunking/regional system. The positive update is that these funds will not have much of a match as the State has stepped up to help funding the user contribution in partnership with the federal funding.

There is a current conversation on potential for FY 25 Federal Funding earmarks. The team received a request for more detail on a potential next level earmark during the Federal budget process for \$1.5 million towards infrastructure issues.

Discussion about a user agreement with Lane Fire Defense Board as a body and any user could add radios to this user system (LRIG system) the rate is \$7.50 per radio, per month. These fees would come out of the radio fund with Lane County and be part of the contributions coming from each agency.

D. Bucich makes a motion to approve the agreement for FDB while using funds initially from the Lane County radio fund. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Borland. Motion passes unanimously.

Wildland: Discussion about Base 1 usage and feasibility. The group representing Base 1 met prior to this meeting to have discussion about the use and functionality of the "Base 1" system. The group is going to try and establish a heavy regional task force for in-County deployment. Agencies should look for a survey to be sent to the region to gauge interest and ability to participate. The long-range goal is to help preface future planning for deployment purposes. Associated to Task Force 1 is the use of the Base 1 leadership and potential for formation to a 'overhead team' built within the County. This new structure for summer 2024 will be used through the all-alert tone notification system. Look for updates soon! The agreement with Deschutes County has expired for info.

Old Business: A quick presentation was made to S. Wallace, the historical Fire Defense Board Chief badge in honor of the transition of the Fire Defense Board Chief position.

New Business: Kristina made a presentation on behalf of the Fire Prevention Co-op who is requesting to close their bank account and send the funds back to the Fire Defense Board who ultimately authorizes and pays for the expenses that the Co-op uses. The co-op will expend what they can of their remaining \$1600 funds towards program priorities. Any remaining funds will be returned to the Fire Defense Board.

Info Sharing:

Information sharing completed for those in the room and those online.

Meeting adjourned at 1405 hours