

**Western Lane Ambulance District
Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue
Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority
2625 Highway 101 North, Florence, OR 97439**

Joint Meeting Minutes, February 25, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
The Zoom recording will be posted on SVFR & WLAD Websites

SVFR BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Directors Jim Palisi, Alan Burns, Ron Green, Ned Hickson
SVFR BOARD MEMBER NOT PRESENT: Sam Spayd

WLAD BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Directors Rick Yecny, Larry Farnsworth, Mike Webb, and John Murphey.
Cindy Russell joined the meeting after roll call.

WLFEA BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Directors Jim Palisi and John Murphey. Cindy Russell joined the meeting after roll call. **WLFEA BOARD MEMBER NOT PRESENT:** Sam Spayd

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Schick, Dina McClure, Operations Chief House, Fire Marshal Tony Miller and Mary Dimon

Chief Schick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call established quorums.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

RJ Pilcher addressed his concerns over the WLAD PERS Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL). He encouraged the Directors to pursue a new Resolution to restrict funds for the PERS UAL.

- Chief said he read the document that Pilcher submitted and understands Pilcher's concerns. Chief explained how it works and all the things the district is doing to address the pension liability.
- Director Farnsworth agreed with Pilcher that WLAD should have money set aside specifically for the PERS liability.

SWEAR IN SVFR FULLTIME FIREFIGHTERS:

While Chief Schick was setting up the Swearing In Ceremony, Fire Marshal Miller explained some of the projects he is involved in locally and at the state level.

Chief Schick conducted the Swearing-in Ceremony for Firefighter Nick Terrell and Conway Pebley. Each gave their oath and was pinned by their family members.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- January 20, 2021 WLAD Special Meeting Minutes and January 28, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Staff Reports: Chief, Operations Chief, Office Manager and Fire Marshal
- Correspondence: RJ Pilcher Document

REVIEW OF FINANCIALS – WLAD, SVFR, WLFEA:

- McClure noted that 7 months into the fiscal year, financials should be tracking at 58.4%.
- SVFR received payment for the Holiday Farm Fire Conflagration in the amount of \$22,584.
- Three applications have been submitted for the SVFR Budget Committee. Applications will be reviewed at the March meeting and the Board will appoint that position.

- Director Green asked about the clearing account. McClure explained that the clearing account is set up for booking payroll at the end of the month but doesn't debit the bank until payday the following month.
- Director Farnsworth said that the WLAD payroll overtime is \$59,000 over budget and asked how this was tracking. McClure said she would address this in one of the resolutions because the original budget was adopted with wage cuts.

SVFR & WLAD Action Item: Approve Resolutions 2021-01 Adopting a Supplemental Budget and Making Appropriation Transfers

- McClure explained that the SVFR Resolution 2021-01 revises the budget to replace the HVAC system at Station 1. At the August 2020 Board Meeting the SVFR Board voted to move half of the funds out of the Capital Improvement account and the other half out of Contingency. **Director Hickson motioned to approve Resolution 2021-01 Adopting a Supplemental Budget and Making Appropriation Transfers. Director Burns seconded. Roll Call. All in favor, motion passed.**
- McClure explained that the WLAD Resolution 2021-01 is in two parts. The first part addresses two grants that were received to purchase an all-terrain vehicle for \$60,000 with a 20% match of \$12,000 through a contingency transfer, and to purchase two hands free CPR devices for \$33,000. The second part of the resolution addresses the need to move close to \$400,000 out of Contingency into Personnel Services to match what the board adopted in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Director Farnsworth asked for detail on the families first sick time and part time back fill. McClure and Chief House explained how the sick time worked and how many employees needed to use it. **Director Yecny motioned to Approve Resolution 2021-01 Adopting a Supplemental Budget and Making Appropriation Transfers. Director Webb seconded.** Director Farnsworth expressed his disappointment that the board did not have the resolve to complete the negotiation goals set out at the beginning of this process. Farnsworth went over the budget cuts that were originally discussed. Director Webb said we have a new contract and we need to fund it. **Roll Call. Directors Murphey, Webb, Russell and Yecny voted yes. Director Farnsworth voted no. Motion passed.**

SVFR & WLAD Action Item: Approve Resolutions 2021-02 To Move Funds into a Local Government Investment Pool Account. Postponed.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Murphey reminded the Directors their evaluations for Chief Schick are due by March 5.

NEW BUSINESS

SVFR Action Item: Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement with International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 851

Chief Schick reviewed the Agenda Bill and explained some of the articles associated with the Collective Bargaining Agreement. **Director Hickson motioned to Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement with International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 851. Director Palisi seconded. Roll Call. All in favor, motion passed.**

SVFR Action Item: Approve Regional Radio Grant Cost Match

Chief Schick explained that the regional grant would be used to replace our hand-held radios. **Director Burns motioned to Approve Regional Radio Grant Cost Match. Director Green seconded. Roll Call. All in favor, motion passed.**

WLFEA Action Item: Approve WLFEA Resolution 2021-01 Authorizing Inclusion Under the State of Oregon Deferred Compensation Plan

McClure explained WLAD has a VOYA plan, SVFR has a VALIC plan, and WLFEA has no plan. The Oregon Savings Growth Plan (OSGP) would allow the employees of WLFEA to contribute to a deferred compensation plan and employees who transfer to WLFEA can roll over their existing accounts to the new plan. Director Russell asked if the district contributes to the plan and McClure said no, the employees contribute out of their payroll. **Director Russell motioned to Approve WLFEA Resolution 2021-01 Authorizing Inclusion Under the State of Oregon Deferred Compensation Plan. Director Palisi seconded. Roll Call. All in favor, motion passed.**

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

- Director Farnsworth requested the WLAD Directors revisit the PERS UAL and asked for it to be on the March 25 meeting agenda.
- Director Farnsworth would like the Directors to support local business by keeping our banking local and not put in a government investment pool account. Director Murphey agreed that we should support our local business by keeping our money local. Chief Schick asked the Directors if they wanted a special meeting to discuss Resolution 2021-02 To Move Funds into a Local Government Investment Pool Account. The Directors agreed to discuss this at the March regular joint board meeting. Director Yecny thinks that this would be a Budget committee discussion and agrees that the District should support our local financial institution.
- Director Farnsworth thanked the admin staff and commented on how well the financials are presented in the board packet.
- Director Hickson congratulated the new Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue firefighters Conway Pebley and Nick Terrell. Director Hickson also expressed his respect and gratitude towards the first responders for their commitment during COVID.
- Chief House updated the Directors that 80% of the employees between the two districts were given both doses of the vaccine.

FUTURE BUSINESS:

WLFEA Budget Workshop March 18, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

Regular Joint Board Meeting March 25, 2021, at 6:00 pm.

Director Russell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Farnsworth seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Dimon
Recording Secretary