

**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, September 23, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

The Zoom recording will be posted on SVFR & WLAD Websites

SVFR BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Directors Jim Palisi, Sam Spayd, Alan Burns, Tim Mendolia, Laurie Heppel

WLAD BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Directors Mike Webb, John Murphey, Cindy Russell, Vanessa Buss, Adam Holbrook arrived after roll call

WLFEA BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Directors Jim Palisi, John Murphey, Sam Spayd, Mike Webb

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Schick, Dina McClure, Operations Chief House, Mary Dimon

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

Matt House spoke about Sarah Susman and held a moment of silence for her.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- RJ Pilcher expressed condolences on the loss of Sarah Susman
- Larry Farnsworth expressed condolences on the loss of Sarah Susman

Presentation: Liz Bush-Iabichello Recognition: Chief read the recognition presentation from an earlier presentation held in person at the Fire Department, where a plaque was presented to Liz for her 18 years of committed service to our community. Dina McClure read a thank you card from Liz to the Directors.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- August 26, 2021, Joint Board Meeting Minutes
- Staff Reports: Chief, Operations Chief, Office Manager, and Fire Marshal
- Correspondence: Thank you

Matt House updated the group on the call volumes and added that the call volumes in the last two months have reached over 400, the most he has seen in his career.

REVIEW OF FINANCIALS – WLAD, SVFR, WLFEA:

McClure presented an agenda bill to reduce the quantity of financial reports in the board packet.

- The consensus of the Boards was to leave the quantity of financial reports as is.

OLD BUSINESS

- WLAD Action Item: Approve Revised Turell Group Proposal
WLAD – Motion made, seconded, and carried.
- WLAD Action Item: Approve Revised Accuvein Finder Purchase
WLAD – Motion made, seconded, and carried.
- SVFR, WLAD, WLFEA Action Item: Approve Revised Lexipol Policies:

Director Webb motioned to table the approval of the revised Lexipol policies to a later meeting, seconded, and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

- Director Burns reminded everyone about the SVFR Association Annual Picnic Saturday, Sept 25th.
- Director Spayd asked for discussions on privatizing WLAD prior to any further discussion on consolidation.
- Director Webb spoke of the history of WLAD and the advantages of having public EMS over private EMS. Webb added the community might experience less service since for profit privates don't have the critical care training or advanced equipment WLAD has.
- Director Palisi referred to the legislative update where regionalization would impact rural fire districts. Director Palisi made a motion for SVFR to support the WLAD Local Option Levy; seconded, carried.
- Director Spayd thanked Director Webb for his input regarding public versus private and wants an information sheet for both boards on the facts.
- Director Russell spoke of the advantages of working with public versus private at the hospital. Russell said WLAD staff provide excellent patient care and if for profit privates take over, patients may have to wait or get air lifted out.
- Director Russell made a motion to support the WLAD Local Option Levy renewal, adding there has been no increase since 2012, call volume has increased, and education and training for staff has increased; seconded and carried.
- Director Russell offered her condolences to Sarah Susman's family and the staff who worked with her, as well as congratulations to Captain Liz Iabichello.
- Director Buss asked for a flyer to provide information on the difference between private and public EMS.

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Regular Joint Board Meeting October 28, 2021, at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Dimon
Recording Secretary