

MINUTES
LANE REGIONAL AIR PROTECTION AGENCY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 11, 2019

EWEB Building

500 East 4th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401 - meeting room in the North Building.

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Mike Fleck - Vice Chair - Cottage Grove; Joe Pishioneri - Springfield; Charlie Hanna - Eugene; Mysti Frost - Eugene; Betty Taylor – Eugene; Victoria Doyle – Springfield; Joe Berney – Lane County; Jeannine Parisi - Eugene

Absent: Kathy Nichols - Oakridge

Staff: Merlyn Hough–Director; Debby Wineinger; Nasser Mirshosseyni; Max Hueftle; Colleen Wagstaff; Lance Giles; Laticia Comer

OPENING: Fleck called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None**
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Ruth Duemler

She appreciated the promotion of electric vehicles that LRAPA is doing. She visited 6 repair shops in Eugene to get their response regarding biofuels. All were dead set against them, because they really take the life out of the car. They need a lot more repairs, there is a lot of damage by the biofuels.

A. Comments on an Item on Today’s Agenda

B. Comments on a Topic Not Included on Today’s Agenda (Note: This is an opportunity for the public to bring up unscheduled items. The board may not act at this time but, if it deems necessary, place such items on future agendas. Issues brought up under this agenda item are to be limited to three minutes’ speaking time by the person raising the issue. If additional time is necessary, the item may be placed on a future agenda.)

C. Comments from Board Members (Note: This is an opportunity for Board Members to bring up unscheduled items regarding today's public comments, and/or written/electronic comments they have received. The board may not act now but, if it deems necessary place such items on future agendas.

Pishioneri requested a discussion regarding a "Vehicle Replacement Program" be on a future agenda. We should be reviewing when a vehicle needs to be replaced, how much it will cost and what kind of money will be put into the program, so it is self-sustaining and predictable. So, at any time, you can ask what the current condition of the fleet is, its value etc. LRAPA has done a great job when replacing vehicles, but the Board doesn't know when vehicles need to be replaced. It will also trigger a vehicle assessment program and also show our fiduciary responsibility towards fixed assets. **Mirhosseyeni** said that out of the 7 vehicles, 4 are new (less than 4 years old). The 2001 Prius just had the main battery replaced. There is a very old truck that is used for going out to Monitoring sites, that is the one we are planning to replace. Lance Giles will let us know when it needs to be replaced. **Pishioneri** said we shouldn't have it replaced based on one person's recommendation. There should be a document that anyone can look at and make a decision regarding a vehicle. That way it can be managed by any person who is the position to look at those assets. **Berney** said he would also like to look at the criteria for replacement. Not just the time and period to off load, but to also look at what it would be replaced with. **Mirhosseyeni** said staff will work on a plan. **Fleck** said they will check the Directors Report to see where it would be added on a future agenda.

Frost asked if there were any updates to Joe Berney's request for a meeting with Lane County. **Fleck** said LRAPA staff reached out to the County Administrator and have not heard back. We will advise when we hear back.

4. ACTION ITEMS:

Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting
- B. Approval of Expense Reports March 2019

**MOTION: Pishioneri MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar; Berney
SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE ON MOTION: UNANIMOUS**

5. DASHBOARD REPORT:

Hough explained that the report was a tool that staff uses to update the agency's priorities and progress. He also noted that the report had been condensed a little and Cleaner Air Oregon status has been added.

Fleck asked if the "green upward arrow" for timely permits and inspections was due to the additional staff or had this already been the trend. **Hueffle** said as far as the permitting backlog, it has improved with the combination of new staff and some facilities shutting down.

Parisi said she appreciated the streamlined format of the report. She asked if maybe there should be something added that deals with compliance and enforcement actions. We talk a lot about complaints, how the trends are going, how responsive we are and on enforcement actions, why

does it take so long to get to resolution? She didn't know what the metric would be, and maybe they are so case-by-case, there isn't a good metric. These are components of what the agency does, and Cleaner Air Oregon is such a big thing she wonders if it's appropriate for this report, or a performance standard for the Director. She wasn't sure if it should live in one place or both. **Pishioneri** thought those were excellent ideas and as a component, enforcement and resolution should be easy to capture and he likes the idea of Cleaner Air Oregon as a performance standard for the Director as opposed to operational. He would like staff to move forward with the suggestions.

Hanna said that maybe what is provided in the Directors report could be translated to the Dashboard report. **Hough** said they would work on it.

Hough pointed out that the report is done twice a year, April and October. April allows us to look at the home wood heating season, and in October we can report on the most recent ozone season.

Parisi asked about the status of air toxics testing. **Hough** said resources were provided by the legislator for six trend sites statewide, and one is in our area. We are doing testing at South Eugene, Amazon and Highway 99. Once we receive data back from the laboratory we will be reporting back. We are also working with DEQ on a special study with portable units measuring naphthalene. **Parisi** asked if within a year will we be seeing results from the previous year and will we be able to compare the previous data we have seen; will we be able to see trends? **Hough** said that the purpose of the six sites is to do trends. LRAPA did enough monitoring in South and West Eugene such that we should be able to do some type of trend analysis. After a year or two, LRAPA and DEQ will have to decide which area will be used for the trend area. We will probably report the next results in the Dashboard report and then the results will be in a part of the annual report. Also, we are stretching DEQ dollars to do two sites, our part should be very minimal.

Pishioneri requested that page numbers be added to future Dashboard reports.

Frost asked if a map showing where the complaints are coming from could be added. **Hough** said he thinks this is on a project list with LCOG (Lane Council of Government), but he isn't sure what the priority is. Currently we don't have the software to do this. **Fleck** said he didn't see the value in tracking complaints. He is concerned about adding more work for staff. **Hough** said in the past we have used this type of information with the CAC when they were looking at outdoor burning and evaluating the new rules for the Eugene UGB. We don't have mapping, but we can categorize by area. **Berney** said it sounded like there was already data that could be mapped. **Hough** said that was correct. **Berney** thought it shouldn't be too hard to code into generic categories. He also said it would be interesting to see who is complaining and why. It could provide insights. **Hough** said when the information is put into our complaint program it is categorized, but our current software is very limited. **Pishioneri** said this information would be great to have, but he is not interested in spending money for information that is just for a level of curiosity. **Berney** said he politely disagrees, he is hearing that 90% of the work is already done.

Parisi commented that Cleaner Air Oregon is listed on the Dashboard report under Air Toxics. She was looking for it under Administration.

6. ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Fleck said he attended the last meeting. The only business was nominations for a new Chair, Jim Daniels, and Vice Chair, Laura Seyler. The remainder of the time was in honoring Maurie Denner for his service.

7. DIRECTORS REPORT:

Hough went over the highlights on the report.

Hough noted that on page 2 is where we have normally listed complaints in a year- to-date comparison tally. Maybe periodically we provide a bigger picture, perhaps in graph format to see some different categories at a glance. The enforcement data is also listed here, and we will see if we can work in a Dashboard type of format for that.

Hough commented on page 4, National Headlines, Special Edition – Update from Miles Keogh, NACAA Executive Director. April Fool’s joke, New acronym (NASCAR).

Parisi asked about DEQ coming to a future meeting and give a briefing on the Cap and Invest and the implications on air quality. Also, an update in a future meeting, the response to the new Eugene UGB open burning rules. **Fleck** commented that on the Cap and Invest we should probably wait until it goes through the legislature. **Parisi** said she didn’t know what the appropriate timing was but wants to keep it on their radar. **Fleck** agreed.

Frost asked that in the future, she would like to get a print-out of the complaints. She is interested in the ones listed under industry. **Hough** referred to page 1 of the report where the names of the industries are listed. **Frost** asked if LRAPA could place monitors in the areas of industry complaints. That would give you information where there might be trends coming from different areas. **Hough** said that is on our “Wishlist” with LCOG who is helping with some software development. **Fleck** said he had a huge concern about placing monitors based on complaints. We don’t know if the complaint is legitimate or not. **Parisi** said there is significant criteria we have to meet legally and is not worried about it because she doesn’t think we could ever place monitors based on complaints. But the Purpleair monitors and other technology could be useful. You could rule-out things, vehicle emissions, gas station or industry. People don’t know, they just smell something bad and you could loan out some of the cheap monitors to give people peace of mind. **Fleck** agreed.

8. OLD BUSINESS: None

9. NEW BUSINESS: None

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Wineinger