



MINUTES LANE REGIONAL AIR PROTECTION AGENCY BOARD MEETING

January 24, 2022

VIA - ZOOM

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Joe Pishioneri-Chair, , Jeannine Parisi, Matt Keating, Jenna Knee, Terry Fitzpatrick, Howard Saxion, Mike Fleck and Joe Berney.

Others: Jim Daniels – CAC Chair, Mary Bridget-Smith – Attorney City of Springfield, Bryan Cutchen - Oakridge City administrator, Josh Proudfoot – Good Company, Lisa Arkin – Beyond Toxics, , Lin Woodridge - Active Bethel Community Neighborhood Association, Paige Hopkins – Beyond Toxics, Jeremy Aasum - west Eugene resident

Staff: Debby Wineinger, Katie Eagleson, Robbye Robinson, Julie Lindsey, Colleen Wagstaff, Steve Dietrich, Travis Knudsen, Max Hueftle, Lance Giles

1. **OPENING: Chair Pishioneri** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. attendance was taken, and a quorum was met.
2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: No adjustments were made to the agenda.**
3. **PUBLIC PARTIPATION:** *((time limited to three minutes per speaker, full comments available upon requests – debby@lrapa.org))*

Lin Woodridge, of Active Bethel Community Neighborhood Association, stated she lives in the Bethel area and wanted to address the issue of pollution in West Eugene.

Paige Hopkins, of Beyond Toxics, commented that LRAPA needed to expand the number of members on their Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to include more Lane County participants.

Jeremy Aasum , a west Eugene resident, commented that thousands of complaints had been made regarding soiled soil as well as the need to recruit residents for the CAC.

Arjorie Arberry-Baribeault, of Beyond Toxics, also encouraged the Board to include West Eugene community members on the CAC.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board discussion determined that the historical purpose of CAC was to do research and act as an advisory for LRAPA. Public comments had indicated a need to boost CAC members to 15

however it was determined that the bylaws allow 7 to 15 members with no demand for the maximum 15. Currently the committee is short Fire Suppression representative as the past representative retired and no applications had been received. The Board jointly agreed the committee membership should be spread throughout the county without multiple representatives from any given area. Jeanine Parisi indicated she had some outside contacts (ODF) Oregon Department of Forestry and would reach out to them regarding a possible committee rep.

4. ACTION ITEMS: Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting.
- B. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2021, Work Session.
- C. Approval of Expense Reports for November – December 2021.

MOTION: Howard Saxion MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar, Mike Fleck SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE ON MOTION: UNANIMOUS

5. CONTINUED PERS EVALUATION – RESOLUTION PROPOSAL:

Julie Lindsey reported that a survey of employees revealed 13 of 19 would be interested in PERS. Of the 6 remaining, some were retirees, others were too close to retirement, and at least 1 has accepted another job. She explained that LRAPA staff would be considered OPSRP and be subject to the 6-month waiting period. Additionally, LRAPA would not be subject to legacy costs of the system. The resolution is required by PERS to begin discussions

Concerns that came up during discussion include:

- Increasing rates
- New hires with previous PERS plans that would rollover
- Liability versus benefits (applicants going elsewhere if no PERS)
- Lapse between VOYA and PERS
- Off ramp for LRAPA if transfer to PERS fails
- Possible future Tier 1 and Tier 2 employees (none currently)

MOTION: Mike Keating MOVED for approval of Resolution 21-02-A, Parisi SECONDED, with a start date of October 2, 2022. VOTE: Passed as amended.

Discussion defined the policy start date as well as payment start date and motion was amended to a start date of April 1, 2022 rather than July 1, 2022 or October 1, 2022.

6. STATUS REPORT ON OAKRIDGE AIR PROGRAM:

Josh Proudfoot, representing Oakridge Air Program, informed the Board that the contracting program had serviced 667 homes but due to a restriction on serving mobile homes whose value is less than the cost of services they would be contacting St Vincent de Paul to see if there would be homes available with less cost incurred. He further commented

that procuring contractors to go to Oakridge had been a challenge due to the projects and employment available in the Eugene area. **Josh Proudfoot** reported 30 cords of wood still on hand.

7. PREVIEW UPCOMING APPOINTMENTS ON BOARD AND COMMITTEES

Chair Pishioneri reminded the Board that the February meeting would be the time for elections, and they would need to advertise for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair and CAC has five openings. **Steve Dietrich** reminded the group that Jeannine Parisi would be reaching out to contacts regarding the fire suppression representative position at the CAC.

8. REVIEW MULTI-YEAR BUDGET FORECAST FOR FY2022-2026

Chair Pishioneri postponed this item for the February meeting.

9. ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

CAC Chair Jim Daniels reported the committee would need more time and information on the leaf blower project assigned to the committee.

10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF AGENCY ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2021:

Steve Dietrich suggested this would be reading during your own time.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Fleck suggested Old Business be moved to February meeting.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Pishioneri indicated New Business would also be postponed until the February meeting at which time committee appointments would be made.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Pishioneri adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

(Record by Marlene Hockema)