



MINUTES LANE REGIONAL AIR PROTECTION AGENCY BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2022

VIA - ZOOM

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Joe Pishioneri-Chair, Jeannine Parisi-Vice Chair, Terry Fitzpatrick, Howard Saxion, Mike Fleck, and Joe Berney.

Absent: Matt Keating, Jenna Knee, and Chrissy Hollett.

Others: Jim Daniels-CAC Chair, CAC candidates - Mysti Frost, Ronni Joel, Peter Dragovich and Marlene Hockema, Minutes Recorder.

Staff: Travis Knudsen, Julie Lindsey, Steve Dietrich, Debby Wineinger, Colleen Wagstaff, Robbye Robinson, Max Hueftle, Lance Giles, Chris Coulter, Aaron Speck, Katie Eagleson, Cassandra Jackson, and Trinidad Cardenas.

- 1. OPENING: Chair Pishioneri** called the meeting to order at 12:47 p.m., attendance was taken, and a quorum was met.
- 2. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: None**
- 3. PUBLIC PARTIPATION: None**

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Mike Fleck questioned whether meetings would be returning to in-person since the mask mandate would be lifted. **Chair Pishioneri** replied that there would still be some logistic challenges that needed to be resolved.

4. ACTION ITEMS: Consent Calendar

- Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting.
- Approval of Expense Reports for February 2022.

MOTION: Howard Saxion moved, and Mike Fleck seconded the approval of the Consent Calendar. VOTE: Passed unanimously.

REPORTS

5. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Jim Daniels reported applicants to the committee were interviewed at the last meeting. **Daniels** followed with a breakdown of representation on the committee:

- 1 public health representative
- 1 filbert farmer representing agriculture
- 3 representing industry
- 2 general public
- no fire suppression representative

Daniels continued by listing those who had applied for positions on the committee: Peter Dragovich, Mysti Frost, Ronny Joel, Chris Cline (approved by the CAC) and James Bruvold who applied later. Those present at the meeting were: Mysti Frost, Ronni Joel, and Peter Dragovich. **Daniels** asked if there was any discussion or questions or if anyone would want to further interview the applicants.

Mike Fleck expressed concern that several committee members would be from West Eugene and the Board had discussed a more regional approach when adding new members. **Daniels** responded that Chris Cline would fill the Fire Suppression position, Peter Dragovich the Community Planning position and the final two would be General Public, as well as James Bruvold, who had not been interviewed yet. **Berney** asked if that would still leave openings on the committee to which **Daniels** responded the committee maximum is 15 and if all applicants would be approved the current total would be 13. **Chair Pishioneri** also expressed his concern regarding a more regional representation on the committee and suggested a matrix that would divide regions.

ACTION: Vice Chair Parisi moved, and Terry Fitzpatrick seconded that Chris Cline be appointed as ODF (Oregon Department of Forestry) representative. VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Parisi commented there would be lots of ways to look at representational diversity such as asthma and where the committee member lived would not be an issue. In the meantime, she requested the attending applicants to introduce themselves.

Dragovich stated he would be looking forward to serving on the board if chosen and believes his background in city management and planning would be beneficial to the committee. **Ronni Joel** informed the committee she had lived in Eugene most of her life, suffers from respiratory allergies and would be eager to participate.

ACTION: Mike Fleck moved, and Jeannine Parisi seconded the appointment of Peter Dragovich to the position of Community Planner. VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Chair Pishioneri questioned if the Board was done discussing applicants for the day or wanted to further pursue the topic. **Berney** asked if there would be any urgency to filling additional positions immediately.

Daniels responded the committee had more than a minimum requirement and therefore the subject could be addressed later. Further discussion determined **Knudsen** would use a social media post to inform the public of the committee openings. And resend his materials to the full board.

Parisi asked **Daniels** to update the Board on the electric versus gas tool issue. **Daniels** responded the committee was frustrated by a lack of good, unbiased information on emissions from gas tools adding they were making headway and expected to have a draft brochure within the next month or two.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF AGENCY ACTIVITIES FEBURARY 2022:

Director Dietrich submitted the Director's report summarizing the air quality, enforcement, and complaint reports. In addition he reviewed the status of the current four pending enforcements and updated the group on asbestos abatement notices.

Jeannine Parisi expressed concern that the topic of last month's discussion (JH Baxter) had closed, and she became aware of it through a newspaper article. She further indicated her disappointment that a topic that was of great concern to the Board and the public was not addressed formally.

Fleck noted there was only one item on the April agenda but five on the May agenda and asked if they would be spread out. **Chair Pishioneri** affirmed that suggestion adding there would be changes to the budget format and new CAC committee members that would need to be updated.

Knudsen reported smoke and smoke management for the month of February still focused on wood heating with Oakridge advisories fewer than the Eugene area. Additionally, LRAPA had continued to reach out to JH Baxter and participated in public meetings with the next scheduled for March 17th.

Dietrich concluded the Director's report by informing the Board LRAPA had issued one burning letter permit and would be on site at the time of the burn. In response to **Parisi's** question regarding Arcimoto he informed the Board Arcimoto would be a brand new source when it comes to air permitting.

Replying to Parisi's query regarding JH Baxter soil findings, **Knudsen** noted that soil contamination levels were so low an individual would have to actually ingest dirt to be exposed.

Julie Lindsey provided an update on PERS stating they would be providing a draft agreement. In response to a query by Vice Chair Parisi costing was done regarding different employee scenarios with or without PERS participation. Should all employees enroll in PERS the cost would be \$24,000, an increase of \$6,000. However, there would still be a few LRAPA employees that would not roll into PERS and some personnel changes in the next year. A \$30,000 contingency had been built into the General Fund for PERS. Parisi noted that the purpose of a budget would be what the Board thought they would be spending, and she wanted to make sure there would be cash available to cover a sudden liability should there be one.

7. **OLD LBUSINESS: None**

8. **NEW BUSINESS: None**

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Pishioneri adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

(Record by Marlene Hockema)