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LANE REGIONAL AIR PROTECTION AGENCY
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY JUNE 10, 2021
12:15 P.M.

Note Location → VIA ZOOM

(Note: Start times for agenda items are approximate.)

1. (12:15 p.m.) CALL TO ORDER
2. (12:15 p.m.) ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA
3. (12:20 p.m.) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (time limited to three minutes per speaker)
 - 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 at this time but, if it deems necessary place such items on future agendas.)

ACTION ITEMS:

4. (12:30 p.m.) Consent Calendar
 - A. Approval of Minutes for May 13, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting [VIEW MATERIAL](#)
 - B. Approval of Expense Report for April 2021 [VIEW MATERIAL](#)

[Note: May 2021 Expense Report will be included in the July packet]

REPORTS:

5. (12:35 p.m.) Oakridge Air Program – update [VIEW MATERIAL](#)
6. (12:50 p.m.) Advisory Committee [VIEW MATERIAL](#)
7. (1:00 p.m.) Director's Report of Agency Activities in the Month of May 2021 [VIEW MATERIAL](#)

DISCUSSION:

8. (1:15 p.m.) LRAPA Reorganization, Recruitment Progress , Looking Forward
9. (1:25 p.m.) Cleaner Air Oregon – Community Engagement
10. (1:30 p.m.) Old Business
Isler Audit Report delayed to July 2021.
11. (1:40 p.m.) New Business
12. (1:45 p.m.) Adjournment

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MINUTES
LANE REGIONAL AIR PROTECTION AGENCY
BOARD MEETING

June 10, 2021

VIA - ZOOM

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Joe Pishioneri – Board Chair - Springfield; Kathy Holston – Vice Chair - Oakridge; Jeannine Parisi – Eugene; Gabrielle Guidero – Springfield; Mysti Frost – Eugene; Howard Saxion – Eugene; Mike Fleck – Cottage Grove; Matt Keating – Eugene; Joe Berney – Lane County

Others: Jim Daniels – CAC Chair; Josh Proudfoot; Rebecca Dietrich

Staff: Steve Dietrich; Debby Wineinger; Nasser Mirhosseyni; Travis Knudsen; Max Hueftle; Robbye Robinson; Lance Giles; Laticia Comer

1. **OPENING:** Pishioneri called the meeting to order at 12:23 p.m.
2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: 3B. Comments from Board member and 4. Consent calendar postponed until there is a quorum present.**
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None**
 - A. Comments on an Item on Today's Agenda
5. **OAKRIDGE AIR PROGRAM UPDATE – JOSH PROUDFOOT, GOOD COMPANY:**

Proudfoot said this is the quarterly Board report. He explained the reason why the report states task one, task two, and task three. It is there to help you understand the specific areas of the grant with EPA. We must report the progress to EPA on each of these. And that is why we are reporting to you on each of these. The last two weeks of getting our tag 2.0. Which means our second proposal to extend this program with EPA out the door, the focus of those, the bulk of the money would be going to the residential heating upgrades, adding another 50 potential homes for ductless, heat pumps, 50 new wood stoves and 50 weatherization. We would continue to work through the pile and get cleaner equipment and reduce emissions from that source. The other thing that we are doing is trying to get some funding for the more maintenance of the program, which is about helping folks with backyard burning, avoidance, maybe getting a chipper, or money for chipping. So those folks are not always burning in their backyards. He is doing more education and outreach, expanding the cleaner air spaces. That is getting more filters for the

public buildings but also seeing if we can get more residential units. And then of course program management.

The Southwest Forest Collaborative have the smoking safety plan together and published. They are pursuing the firewise designation. And essentially, this is already in preparation to avoid wildfire and to be prepared for smoke intrusion days, whether those are planned because of a prescribed burning or if it is unplanned. The good news and all of that is the communities getting ready to respond quickly and the protocols are being established. The outreach and engagement plan are going very well. We have got the messages formalized and agreed upon amongst all the stakeholders. And we are using several tools to reach out to everybody on town halls and listening sessions, City Council Board updates. Working with LRAPA field staff and smoke enforcement officers, which do a lot of the education in the community. Both clinics there have been getting air filters out and have been informing their clients of the program. We now have a drop in area for Oakridge staff in an office where people come by and ask about the program and get air purifiers.

They have been working on flyers and outreach materials and including stories of people's success in their homes. We are trying to get more communication mediums, more reader boards through the grant. But they are going out in all different mediums including school food boxes, and, and leaflets and ways that we know if people are not in enabled with technology or phones or Facebook we are getting to people in analog and digital ways. And the newsletter, the good news is the website, the Oakridge air branded website now is getting several 100 hits a month. And the Facebook pages we are seeing about 350 uses of those a month too. So, we know the word is out. And it is circulating. And we heard from the mayor not too long ago that she is starting to get word of mouth coming back to her. So, we know that those messages are circulating in the community organically, which is great. The Oregon Health Authority health data analysis, this was part of a separate grant that we pursued. But the research has come back on the first round of this unequivocally with the ability to tie respiratory and cardiac and pharmaceutical events to the home heating season and wildfire events on yellow or red days. So that is significant. That is the beginning of the data that the Oregon Health Authority will use statewide to ask the legislature for preventative funding to avoid these events. Because we now know that these events are occurring from the triggers of the smoke events, and that there is a direct cost on the public. We are now into the pilot phase, all 10 houses in the pilot phase have been audited. Some of the installs are happening. We had our first woodstove installed this month, the ductless heat pumps are starting to go, and we have got two of those already. And of those 10 homes, five needed carbon monoxide detectors. We are bumping into a few minor kinks, but it is doing the function that we had hoped for which is try it out before we step on the gas and make this program go faster. On the kinds of kinks, we are bumping into are things like the auditor says hey, it is a good idea to put a fan on a timer as a best practice in the bathroom. Instead of opening your window and leaving it open and somebody in the house will say actually I do not want the fan the windows fine. A really big deal is that we got a signed programmatic agreement with State Historic Preservation Office, so that we can do the work on these upgrades without having to get unique permission. For every single structure we touched, it is over 50 years old, that is a really big deal. And the main thing they want is to make sure we do not put a ductless heat pump outdoor unit in front of the facade of an older home, it has very easily done. Our open application period started on the 21st. And we are starting to get a lot of forms filled out with folks that want to put themselves on the list. And based on the criteria that we worked out with the community.

The local court code enforcement officer has been mainly helping with nuisance code enforcement on wildfire risk in the summer, and really starting to wake people up to the firewise and smoke wise program about wildland urban interface and keeping brush away from houses and those kinds of things. And then in the fall we will be working on educating the community on woodsmoke monitoring and compliance on education. The school district loves the woodshed program enough that they are going to start chipping in on materials and teacher support, which is really exciting. And we are going to divert some education funds that were there to teach the kids about the program into the woodshed Project, \$3,000 to help buy materials, but a lot of that work will be done in the summertime with high school kids working with the teachers and getting those ready for the fall. On May 21, we had a community event, the firewise event, showed the movie, The documentary "The West is Burning. I handed out several air filtration units and fostered a community discussion about the risks to air quality and the risk of fire in the community. It was a good event, there is a lot of participation in person and a lot of those air filter units went out in that event. 78 units went home with schools through the school families and then 70 went out, or sorry, another 40 went out to people attending the firewise event. So, the air purifiers overall, we have distributed 370 of the 600 units we are going to. And we are starting to send out note cards to those that can replace the filters and that we have filters available for them at City Hall.

Parisi asked if there has been any funding for a cleaner air center for folks.

Proudfoot said it is the high school and middle school. And it has already been installed. They had retrofitted the whole energy system. And had put in approximately 150 filters, and we also have a stockpile of those filters for them to change out over time. We are seeing if in the next grant application if we can extend that to a few more public buildings. We wanted to go beyond the library and hopefully get into city hall too, and maybe some other places.

Pishioneri asked how much of is this going to still be here in five years.

Proudfoot said ideally, we are breaking the back of the dirty stoves forever, within the span of this project. And we are hoping to go into that a little further if we get a second round on this grant. But again, all the programs are running, the actual household upgrades are starting. But this is the bulk of the activity. He does not think that there will be the need for the infrastructure dollars, there might be a need for programmatic stuff down the road. But we are trying to set this up to be self-maintaining. So, it is really the firewood program, firewise and smoke wise, that need to live on. But I think the infrastructure, the household infrastructure, will be coming in pretty quickly.

Pishioneri asked are you making a presumption about the firewood program, and the other programs who will pay for them, and how much do the filters cost? Who is going to pay for that in five years? Is someone going to get saddled with some sort of bill and requirements to maintain that? All the filters and whatnot that you are now currently providing at no cost to these houses and businesses, etc. Who is going to carry that load? And is there an expectation that somebody is going to have to pick up that responsibility now that that tree has been planted?

Proudfoot said he did not think that there is an expectation that there is a permanent subsidy for filters. He thinks we get them through this period, we will show them that they work and that they are worth continuing to maintain them.

Pishioneri said being in an elected position, he is looking at it as a created expectation from the citizens towards the agencies or the city. Or has that been made clear that there is no expectation,

which is not on the back of the city in the future. This is something that quite literally as a temporary, hopefully permanent, but has that education occurred so that way, the city folks there do not experience some hardcore backlash?

Holston said there will be hardcore backlash from some individuals once this program is over. But what we are hoping to demonstrate not only to the community, and the county and the state, but the EPA, that this is a way to combat illness related to fire and smoke or related to smoke in a community. Getting rid of the old woodstoves is really making a huge impact in the community's air quality. And we work at smoke mitigation, during wildfire events, and we work at a better control over smoke when we have to burn for wildfire control in the area. No, we are not going to provide filters for this community of Oakridge in perpetuity. But we do hope that the need for them will also diminish.

Frost said let us remember that all the health costs that will be reduced, because everybody is living in a healthier environment. So, we just have to keep that communication out there that, yes, you may need to replace the filter. But you also are avoiding catastrophic medical bills in the future.

Keating said the HEPA filters are encouraged by Winix to be replaced every 12 months. With the carbon filters replaced every three months. He wanted to congratulate and commend the team in Oakridge who have distributed 370 of these filters out of the 300 units of the Winix units. There is one here in my office and I love it and it helped me get through fire season. And I suspect that the residents by and large who are gifted or who receive a complimentary Winix air purifier fully understand that there is going to be some costs associated with maintaining it. And the costs are pretty nominal, ranging from just a quick Google search. What has been the best practice in Oakridge to get these Winix air purifiers to the community.

Holston added that it is a combination of two different types of air filters or units. One has replaceable filters that need to be purchased. The other has cleanable filters that do not need to be replaced. And it seems to be working well, as Josh indicated, we had a community event where we distributed and just prior to that, two hours before, that we distributed from the high school. So, people were notified, who would put in for an air filter, that they could come by, during the hours, drive by the high school and pick them up. And we had folks out there, checking them off the list and giving them to people right in their cars. So, it is going really well, it's a really great process they've put in place. And I think Josh really emphasized they put into place a process, that is repeatable in other communities and that is easily maintained in our own community. She is proud of the work they have done.

3. 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.)

Keating said a constituent reached out to him yesterday, via email, he would like to read it for the record.

Mr. Keating, I hope you can help me escape a loop. I am in between the fire department and LRAPA. I have a next-door neighbor at 34th in Eugene, who has recently installed a fire pit in their backyard. They burn wood fires to blow acrid smoke into our bedroom windows. Inquired with the city of Eugene and LRAPA to learn that the city code does not allow for such fires in

backyards. I contacted LRAPA to lodge a complaint and was told this - you can do nothing about it and to contact Eugene Fire Department. Next, the fire department contacted me and told me to contact LRAPA. I am in a loop now that has me stuck. I emailed back to both about this loop and as, yet I have not heard back. I am hoping you can steer me in a direction that will get results. And more importantly, some relief from the smoke. Thank you for your time. Christopher, Donald Street in Eugene. I asked to enter that into the record because I am curious. And I think that the community at large could benefit from hearing the processes by which a neighbor, as we approach fire season, which neighbors could have educational moments. And now it is much enforcement. Well, yeah, even code enforcement or some semblance of education through the community about open flames or, or burns within the urban growth boundaries, both here in Eugene and in Springfield. I would welcome any conversation offline about that matter. Thanks.

Pishioneri said he thinks that he has got some valid questions. But this has come up many times in the past regarding some of the confusion because every city seems like they have different rules. And it is a complicated process and the cities have handed off enforcement to LRAPA pretty much across the board. And he thinks everything should continually be referred to LRAPA. We can point people to the LRAPA website.

Berney said he agrees with Joe **Pishioneri** trying to provide clarity in that particular instance. He said there is another approach that you might want to suggest and that is to talk to their neighbor. He found that often works. And so, between the talking to the neighbor, because really, truly, in civil society, we got to be able to talk to our neighbors and resolve things.

Frost had some questions about outdoor burning. It is either for religious purposes, or for cooking food. And so maybe some clarity from the neighbor of why they are burning in their pit in the backyard would help the other neighbor, understand more, and yes, communicating with your neighbor can be really nerve racking. She feels everybody is really anxious, especially during, like coming out of COVID, lockdown.

Pishioneri said as he said earlier, each city has their own rules. For example, Springfield allows for recreational burns as well as some other places do not, they are more restricted. LRAPA does an amazing job on their website, regarding outdoor burning, they break it all down, and they provide the links for each city on what their rules are. He would highly recommend taking a few minutes to just check though LRAPA's website.

4. ACTION ITEMS: Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting
- B. Approval of Expense Report April and May 2021 (June 2021-Delayed)

Fleck said he noticed that the enterprise fund (Airmetrics) is still negative, do we still think that is going to end up balancing by the end of the fiscal year (June 30th)?

Mirhosseyni said we are now at the breakeven point. We were negative due to purchase of a vehicle. And that is paid off now. Should be positive end of fiscal year.

MOTION: Fleck MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar; Keating SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE ON MOTION: UNANIMOUS

6. ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Daniels said during their May meeting, Travis gave a presentation on Cleaner Air Oregon. For June they will have an asbestos review (Robbye Robinson).

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF AGENCY ACTIVITIES FOR MAY 2021:

Dietrich said we had good air quality days for May just like we did in April. And in the air quality index category, nothing was above the moderate, which was excellent for two months in a row.

Complaints for the month were 37 smoke, 15 for industry, and 5 miscellaneous. Outdoor burning complaints continues to lead the pack like they do every year. And we are trying to be proactive as possible to try to address those and at least investigate those as quickly as possible.

Regarding enforcement, there is not a lot of enforcement actions in May, and he will cover one of the ones that is still pending, later on in the report. It is the one that deals with the appeal and the appeal package is coming. It should have come your way to each of the Board members ready to review before the July Board meeting. You see the number of warning letters and civil penalties at five and six, respectively. Pretty much on the same pace as the previous years. We had no outdoor burning letter permits issued in May.

Asbestos abatement for the month of May, we received 46 notices of asbestos removal projects of which some were for schools. And then for the year, so far 180 total asbestos abatement notices, and 41 asbestos abatement inspections performed. [from title five permitting and ACDP permits for the month of May.](#)

Dietrich spoke about some of the highlights on the NACAA Washington updates. He has tried to narrow it down to what is relevant to Oregon as much as possible. The links will provide more information.

Knudsen spoke about public engagement highlights. LRAPA participated in a Beyond Toxics community meeting on Wednesday, May 12. We talked about some of our plans, specifically around Cleaner Air Oregon over the summer. We participated in the wildfire safety night, which Josh mentioned during his Oakridge presentation that was on Friday, May 21. A lot of it was focused on firewise community and preparing for potential wildfire impacts. And we had the JH Baxter core team meeting, Wednesday, May 26th. Air Quality Awareness Week was first week of May, which was successful. We have a meeting coming up on Tuesday, that will be a public meeting focused on describing the Cleaner Air Oregon program first and foremost. And then we will follow that meeting up with further meetings on specific facilities moving through the program. Refocusing on our air toxics monitoring webpage that is on our website, and spending some time working on our TAG Grant has taken up some of his time over the last month as well.

Guidero asked if there was a summary of the JH Baxter meeting that can be sent out to the Board? **Knudsen** said he would forward summaries from the minutes on the DEQ web page. He can also send resources where you can see all the information.

Berney requested, unless people object, he would like to be able to ask questions every now and then while **Dietrich** reviews the Director report. **Dietrich** said he will be sure to be aware of that in the future.

Berney said in the olden days, the information looks like it would call it a clipping service. But it looks to me like you probably got this from NACAA or somewhere. Is that correct? **Dietrich** said all clean air agencies have access to the information. We can keep what the Board wants to see or make changes. **Berney** said he would like to know the direct impacts to LRAPA on any item listed. Personally, he thinks this is really useful for context. But did not think it is particularly informative to say, when waiting for new administration to comes, they get rid of what the other administration did. Policy implications that will impact LRAPA or could, is what he would like to know more about. For example, on one of those you mentioned a relatively ambitious goal, reducing emissions from automobiles and transportation. His understanding is several major car manufacturers are only moving to producing electric vehicles, and part of that business decision relates to where they see the market going. And part of where the markets go relates to agencies like ours. And what kinds of standards are put in place. He also noticed a couple of petroleum companies are changing their entire business models that relate to what LRAPA is concerned with. He thinks those are the kinds of things that might provide more insights. **Dietrich** said he did not mean to editorialize or make his own opinion. But what does drive it is vehicle standards set by EPA. And to some degree, California leads the way when it comes to what they try to do from an emission standpoint, or miles per gallon requirements that forces not only changes in technology, but also the business decision that you are talking about. To go to electric cars or something else. For a long time, that was the diesel emissions, that has been the biggest focus. But now that we have the ability and the infrastructure starting to be put in place for electric vehicle use it is gaining traction. And what remains to be seen is how fast they could take hold and really make a difference was the point he was trying to make.

Parisi said the Cleaner Air Oregon presentation that Travis did for the advisory committee was well done. And she learned more from just reviewing that presentation, than she understood about the program over the past two years. So that was a fantastic piece of work. And I wish I had gotten that presentation about a year ago. She appreciated seeing the work that you guys are doing is much more visible, synching up that public engagement. And she also checked out the new toxics info on the website and appreciated the clarity of that material and how well that was presented. But anyone that has been on the Board with her knows she complained about three times a year about how we do not get up to date toxics information. And suddenly it was available. And the data that it showed her was contrary to what she heard in the past. We do not have a toxics concern; except we saw this one anomaly around Naphthalene in 2015. And then what she saw was we are exceeding Oregon benchmarks for five different [crate](#) materials. She is having a hard time understanding the difference between what we have heard before and what she is seeing now. She was surprised to read some of those. She would not call them exceedances. But the Eugene area, does that mean not Lane County, or even Springfield specifically, but that Eugene is kind of above the statewide benchmarks for a number of compounds. And that is the first time she has heard that. She has been on this Board for too many damn years to just be hearing this now. **Dietrich** said he hears what you are saying loud and clear. We got into this discussion about some of these finer points of the data that we supply and the reports that we do, we will be glad to actually explore that with you in a more detailed way offline from this meeting. But to get to the point, sometimes that data takes a while for it to be processed before we can actually post it on the website. And sometimes the data is not collected, but every so many years. And it takes a while for the industries to report it and then it has to be evaluated and put into the final form that you actually see. So, from that, you know, it does look like a delay. **Parisi** said she understands and maybe as a future agenda item, we can just walk through what is on the website. But I was very surprised, and it looked like there was

data from up to 2020. So, there was very contemporary data and she appreciated that information.

Parisi also asked about the survey out for the public on the webpage. Will you be sharing the results with the Board? Knudsen said the intent behind the survey is, with Cleaner Air Oregon Community Engagement, he wants the survey to continue until we have quite enough response that we can kind of feel out each of those sort of neighborhoods and get an idea of how they would like LRAPA to get in contact with them and make them aware of opportunities to engage in Cleaner Air Oregon. It will be made available to the Board.

Keating said in the Directors' report the complaints that were launched on LRAPA complaint form online. It weaves into the constituent conversation that I had at the top of the of today's meeting. Is there an opportunity to expand the type of sources or the type of complaints online to include something that has been cropping up in our neck of the woods, especially since fire season last Labor Day, which is the use of gas powered leaf blowers. Gas Powered leaf blowers are being banned in Washington, DC, and communities in New York. The California legislative body is reviewing it this session. What would be the avenue for this body to explore expanding the complaint form and in sending a message to municipalities that were looking at all avenues of existing and, even some of those that we are not there yet to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions throughout Lane County? Is that something that could easily be done by this Body? What direction would you suggest this Board take?

Pishioneri said, first of all, I think there would be having a discussion of the Body to see if the Body wants to go that direction, number one.

Keating said thank you Chair. He was asking Director **Dietrich** his opinion on the matter of expanding, since it was mentioned in his report.

Dietrich said we really do not regulate because it is regulated at the factory when it is manufactured. Just like EPA sets emission standards on cars, there is something that is set by the manufacturer when they make them as well. He would have to explore to see where our authority actually is in our current regulations to see what is even possible. But from taking complaints, it is something we could easily do. The question then becomes what do you do when you have a complaint about a leaf blower? What is our authority to regulate? He did not know the answer on that today. But it is something we can take a look at.

Holston said she thinks that question is a municipality question. But also, just to point out that on our complaint form, we do have a line that says, "other complaints". So if people call in and say, my neighbor is using this gas thing that has blown dust and stuff all over the place, now then, my question would be, if LRAPA received a complaint like that, was it really more appropriate for the municipality? Do you then pass that on to the municipality or do you reach out to the complainant and direct them in a different way.

Dietrich said, sometimes it depends on the situation, we could do both, get back with the complainant, but also coordinate with who the local authority is to look into it, whether it is the city or county, to coordinate the main thrust.

8. LRAPA REORGANIZATION, RECRUITMENT PROGRESS, LOOKING FORWARD-STEVE DIETRICH:

Dietrich wanted to give a quick status update on a few things that we have been doing. His first day April 5th, he met with staff virtually and asked for their input on operations. What was, what

was not working? What were the challenges with COVID-19. And what are your challenges and what improvements do we need to make. Some of it was pretty candid and helpful. It was all a good read for somebody brand new to the Agency. He realized that we need to do a slight reorganization, which we have already done. Basically, what it entails is he separated the enforcement operations, from their overall Operations section. Max Hueftle had the title of Deputy Director, and he was in charge of permitting, and all the other activities that we did His title is now "Operations Manager". And he is in charge of permitting, and the inspections group. And the enforcement responsibilities fall under Dietrich's purview directly along with one other person, Colleen Wagstaff, who has actually been supporting permitting and inspections administratively, will now take on the role of quality assurance. He thought it was important to separate enforcement from the permitting and inspector group, because when it comes to the perception that people doing the inspections also do the enforcement, does not quite look right, does not quite sit right with him. In Max's case, his title changed. And in Colleen's case, her title is now "Enforcement and Permitting Coordinator".

He also spoke about the recruitments. Both vacancies that we currently have are still open. We have already gone through rounds of interviews for both of those positions, actually made offers to the top candidate in both and in both cases, they declined the offer for different reasons. We have made some changes to the announcement and sent out another round of recruitment requests. We hope to be able to get a better reply this time. But at the same time, I am looking at what we are going to do in the interim when it comes to Nasser who is nearing retirement, and we haven't filled the position. So, I am looking for a plan B there as well, in the interim, to help us with our finance and our HR needs. And then from the inspector position he thinks it was timing, we had well over 30 applicants, but by the time we actually had time to interview them, we lost some of the good candidates. He thinks we will be able to turn this around pretty quickly.

Guidero requested an organizational chart be forwarded to the Board when you feel like it is settled.

Saxion said in his experience, it is pretty unusual to have a person double as finance and HR. He did not know what percentage of time was spent on each of those. Has there been any thought about outsourcing the HR function? Maybe relying on Lane County staff that could provide the HR component and hire someone that is primarily focused on financial management.

Dietrich said we have started to look into that. This week, we spoke to Springfield. Apparently, they went through a lot of cutbacks. And the budgets are tight. We are not a big enough agency to have two separate positions. So, you are always going to have that crossover between the two. So, what is more important, to hire someone with a lot of good finance, background accounting, background CPA, and they can learn the other or the other way around?

Guidero said looking at the LRAPA website, she did not see job postings. It seems like maybe that should be a little more front and center on the website, you might, at least for the inspector position, get some casual folks who are interested in the topic that would be able to see that.

Dietrich said Travis is trying to work on that now to get the postings on there. There has been a little difficulty working with that software for our website. We are trying to make sure that we do exactly what you are saying there to get it front and center.

Berney said Lane county is currently in the process of hiring additional HR people, that you might be able to piggyback on that process, you might want to talk to the HR director Ilana Holmes. He could not speak for the County operationally in that regard but has observed Lane

County government develop some interesting partnerships in order to make things happen fast. He would encourage you to explore having that discussion.

9. CLEANER AIR OREGON – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Not addressed during the meeting.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

Mirhosseyni said COVID-19 had a huge impact on the Isler audit. The target was to finish as soon as possible. And we were hoping for this month, they did request to delay it till July.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Fleck said as we are theoretically opening up before our next meeting, he wanted to have a conversation about what sort of plan on how are we going to go forward with our meetings? Are we going to start meeting in person?

Pishioneri said he was going to meet with Kathy and the Director and come up with some sort of options and float them across the Board and let people select what options they prefer. And then come up with a plan after that. He is certainly not in a huge rush because everything seems to be on thin ice at this point. The city is not planning on coming back physically till September.

Parisi said she read the minutes from the last meeting. There was a pretty lengthy conversation about soil testing and LRAPA's authority to do that. And then today, there was a question about, whether LRAPA could regulate natural gas type facilities like appliances, including gas blowers or take complaints about them. Would like to have conversations about what are some wish lists things that we would want to explore at a Board meeting and what they are. Wondering about bundling at some future time. And then I could not help myself. And I know you guys are going to think that I am very bizarre this way. But I got that thick packet. And I was like, what on earth is in this? And it is kind of fascinating to read the dialogue between two people trying to have a conversation with an attorney virtually. So, there is a lot of typos in there. It is not an easy read. I did not get more than a couple pages in it. But one of the comments from the complainant was about identification of the field inspector. And I thought that that was actually a relevant question about showing up at somebody's house without I.D. And she thought it would be worth a conversation in the future. Steve, let us know what your perspective is on that. She wanted to see if there was interest by the rest of the Board to have that conversation.

Keating said he was glad you brought that up. He saw the same thing. LRAPA should always have some sort of identification visible to the public. Anytime they are in contact with public. Wear shirts with logo printed on their shirt.

Saxion said he had an email dialogue with Travis about the upcoming community meeting. He has an interest in attending as far as listening. He is interested in hearing the community dialogue.

Pishioneri said we have had a lot of conversations with the city attorney on that. It's his understanding you can listen to any virtual meetings, as long as you're not participatory. And if there is not more than two people that are on the same commission, matter of fact, anytime there is two or more it becomes a public meeting, if you are actively participating in that business that falls within your authority.

Keating said point of clarification. But participating is not listening in on the meeting. If not engaged in the dialogue and participated and only observed and that was perfectly appropriate to do so. **Pishioneri** said that was what he was saying. Was it as an observer? Absolutely, but not as participants.

Keating said he wanted to address to the person setting up LRAPA meetings. If we are going to meet in person, please be vaccinated. And if you are not vaccinated, please stay home, or bring a mask and sit in the corner. I have no interest, being in a public meeting with folks sitting around a table who are not vaccinated.

Saxion said he would not want to be in a meeting with this Board, unless people are vaccinated, he agrees with Matt.

Pishioneri said we will send out information and see where people's preferences are. If that is fair enough for everybody, we can have a chance to listen to everybody at that point.

Frost said for the next meeting, we can discuss wildfire season coming up. How much authority LRAPA has directing other government facilities opening up clean air refuge spaces for our houseless, homeless population and other folks that don't have housing.

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

NOTE: July 8, 2021, meeting will be held via Zoom – details to follow

Respectfully submitted,

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