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Under the current IGA, the chief reports directly to the SVFR board, even though WLAD is helping to pay the chief directly.

"WLAD is paying for half of the chief's salary and benefits and half of the administrative services salary and benefits," Abel said. "From Western Lane's standpoint, if they're picking up half of the salary and benefits, and that person is the head of both agencies, should they not have a say in who is hired and the performance reviews and so forth? The only way that I'm aware of that we could meet that desire is having a different employing agency where WLAD and SVFR are equal partners."

Instead of officially combining the SVFR and WLAD into one taxing district, this new entity could work as a go-between between the two boards, giving both an equal say in both the chief's performance and how the administration is run.

In a presentation to the SVFR board of directors, WLAD Board President Rick Yecny and members of the IGA Advisory Committee described how the new entity would work in practice.

"A third entity would be a separate, non-tax district," he said. "It would be a municipal entity, but no revenue authority. It would have a four-person board, two members from Siuslaw Valley Fire and two from Western Lane that would sit on this board to take action. If there's a tie vote, which is possible, that decision would go to both full boards to make the decision."

All three boards would meet on one night, as opposed to two separate days, as is the

current practice. "One of the pluses about that is, when you have everyone meeting in the room at the same time, you're not spending time discussing something here, then waiting for the next meeting, and then by the time it gets to that meeting, maybe some things were forgotten," said SVFR Director Ned Hickson, who also serves on the IGA committee. "With everyone together, it truly is a complete representation of both entities together under one."

Abel added, "That leads the transparency. Anything that one board is saying is in front of everybody. We have full transparency."

Yecny envisioned the cost of the new agency to be minimal. "It would be funded by each," he said. "Siuslaw Valley and Western Lane would fund this new entity by line-item transfers in their budget. There would be some incremental added cost, like a third audit. And there would be some insurance costs, and maybe a little bit of legal that would be incremental new expenses in running this new district. But it's not very significant. We're really just taking expenses that are already spent in the current districts and moving them into a third body."

This would also create an in-road for other fire districts to join in the future.

"If some other entities wanted to contract for those services, it creates this third entity that maybe Mapleton, Swisshome or Deadwood would want to move some of their administrative func-

tions," Yecny said. "They could contract for (administration) instead of carrying on in their

least find out what the public thinks about it."

However, Abel pointed out

when new budgets are put into place. And while he does not believe the new entity could be fully created before a new chief is hired, it would still be advantageous to have it in place towards the beginning of the chief's tenure because otherwise, "Western Lane Ambulance authority into the actions of the chief could be diminished."

Finally, Carnahan feared that the creation of the new board would diminish the already existing boards.

"It would be a new entity and Siuslaw Valley and Western Lane would basically be

out of it. And the entity would run it," he said.

Abel said he believes that would not be the case, as capital purchases such as new fire engines or ambulances would still be made by their respective boards. Only joint operational concerns will be voted by the new entity.

The discussion over the creation of the new entity will be debated next during the WLAD board meeting on Thursday, Feb. 28, at noon, held at the SVFR Main Station conference room at 2625 Highway 101.

For more information about the two districts and their boards, visit [www.westernlaneambulance.com](http://www.westernlaneambulance.com) and [www.svfr.org](http://www.svfr.org).

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own districts. That could be a function of this third district as well."

A sample budget of the new entity showed an additional annual increase of \$16,000.

As for the costs in creating the new entity, Abel believed it would be minimal, since they would be using existing frameworks from other fire and EMS districts that have already gone through similar reorganizations.

While he did not quote an exact estimate, he believed it would be somewhere in the \$5,000 range.

After making the committee presentation to the SVFR board, some board members were concerned about the apparent breadth of the project, particularly regarding the speed in which Yecny had proposed for the entity to be created — in the next few months.

"Huge step, way too big," said SVFR Director John Carnahan. "I think we have to have public input, we have to have public meetings open to this because this is a big step. It's too big for us to rush, and we should never rush into anything. We should probably at

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BILLY EMERSON 3.42%



DIRK ANDERSON 2.33%



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GAYLE "JOE" MOORE 2.01%



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Contestant Name	Weekly % Lost	Total % Lost
ELIZABETH BURKHART	2.57%	4.51%
BETTY SCARBROUGH	2.44%	5.12%
LINDA STENT	2.42%	4.45%
BARBARA WATSON	2.36%	3.68%
SUSAN BURKHART	2.12%	1.44%
AUREA HINE	1.83%	7.49%
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PHYLLIS "KAY" MOORE	1.37%	3.31%
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SAMANTHA BROOKS	0.10%	0.82%
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MEN'S RESULTS		
BILLY EMERSON	3.42%	3.42%
DIRK ANDERSON	2.33%	10.00%
DUSTIN WILLIAMS	2.06%	5.61%
GAYLE "JOE" MOORE	2.01%	2.36%
TOPHER KEPPO	1.71%	2.50%
TYRELL HUNT	1.62%	5.56%
DELBERT HANKS	1.19%	3.68%
ROBERT YBARRA	0.99%	1.61%
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WES MAHLING	0.86%	4.42%
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JIM HECKER	0.19%	3.53%
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