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Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

February 19, 2020

Directors Present: Director Beals, Vice President Hyde, Director Kromydas, Director Lemke and President Miller

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors, for the month of February was called to order at 3:30pm by President Miller.

2. Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Vice President Hyde and seconded by Director Kromydas to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Past Minutes

It was moved by Director Beals and seconded by Vice President Hyde to accept the Board Minutes dated January 15, 2020, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Financial

It was moved by Director Lemke and seconded by Director Kromydas to accept the financial reports, items 4.A-E, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Input

There was none.

6. Business Requiring Action

A. Alternative Governance Between Meeks Bay Fire and North Tahoe Fire

There was no discussion.

B. Next Board Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be March 18th and the April meeting will be on the 15th.

7. Presentation Items

A. North Lake Tahoe Resort Association/Placer County Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) Tax Letter

Letters were sent from both Meeks Bay Fire and North Tahoe Fire. President Miller explained that the letter sent from Meeks Bay Fire was more specific to the Meeks Bay area, although the message was the same.

It was moved by Vice President Hyde and seconded by Director Kromydas to codify the sending of the letter. The motion passed unanimously.



8. Chief's Reports

Chief Leighton updated the board on activities since the last meeting. Items of particular interest included:

- The business office of Meeks Bay Fire will now be permanently located in Tahoe City at North Tahoe Fire;
- Due to the confusion caused by 61 and 51 sounding alike, Stations and apparatus with unit identifiers of 61 and 62 will be referred to as 67 and 68, as soon as the run information is updated at the dispatch level;
- Sarah Lagano has been promoted to Battalion Chief following the retirement of BC Greg Smith;
- There were a total of 23 calls in the Meeks Bay area the month of January.
- Using the Task Force model (1 engine/1 medic) on calls has begun and is working well. This allows for a higher level of safety for everyone involved. Having both units responding also allows for a minimum of four responders;
- North Tahoe Fire currently has 3-5 lateral firefighter/paramedic openings and is currently accepting applications and the testing process should begin soon;
- All stations have completed the personal protective equipment (PPE) inspections to ensure NFPA standards are being met;
- Station and apparatus inspections will begin next month;
- Chief Leighton updated the directors on the Alpine Meadows avalanche call;
- US Forest Service is planning to begin pile burning on Placer County lots when conditions are acceptable;
- Inter-facility transfer (IFT) response protocols have changed as of February 1st. Instead of personnel rotation for IFTs, there is now a station rotation for IFTs. This allows responders to be more aware of when they will be next in the rotation;
- Staff has been working toward improving the standards of cover and finding ways to decrease response times.

9. Information Items

- Vacation home rentals (VHR)/Short term rentals (STR) are still being rented even though the owner might not be a valid permit;
- Director Beals was really happy with all she learned from attending the FDAC conference;
- A reminder to complete Form 700s was sent by county elections;
- Report from Sustainable Community Advocates;
- President Miller received a note from USFS Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Kromydas and seconded by Vice President Hyde to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors at 5:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn R. Crawford
Clerk of the Board

Staff Attendees:

Division Chief Steve Leighton
Clerk of the Board Shawn Crawford
Captain Mike Hacker
Firefighter Erik Gustafson