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Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes
July 25, 2018

Directors Present: Director Hyde, Vice-President Kromydas, President Miller and Director Warmack

Director Not Present: Director Massie

1. Call to Order

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

2. Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Past Minutes

It was moved by Vice-President Kromydas and seconded by Director Hyde to approve the Board Minutes dated June 27, 2018, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Financial

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

5. Public Input

There was none.

6. Presentation Items

A. Pancake Breakfast Review

Good year but not great, 1026 breakfasts served - normal is about 1400. The banner this year was not placed correctly which resulted in it sagging and eventually struck by a waste management truck. CalTrans no longer issues permits for banners to be hung across state highways. Any party placing things such as banners across highways or in the CalTrans right-of-way could incur major liability claims if any accidents, injury, or property damage were attributed to such activities. Chief Schwartz suggested using sail type roadside flag(s). The State Parks Foundation and District personnel will continue to evaluate best options and alternative methods, and locations to place marketing signs or banners to advertise the event in the best manner possible.

7. Business Requiring Action

A. Public Hearing Approving the Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Assessment Annual Report 2018 and Related Items, and Continuation of the Assessment

The Public Hearing was opened at 3:45pm.



It was moved by Vice-President Kromydas and seconded by Director Warmack to approve the Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Assessment Report, including the Annual Update of the Budget for the Assessment, the Annual Update of the Services to be Provided, the Annual Update of Other Specifics of the Assessment, and Authorization to Continue the Fire Suppression Assessment. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff will file the information with the county auditor.

The Public Hearing was closed at 3:50pm.

B. Biennial Conflict of Interest Code Review

It was moved by Director Warmack and seconded by Vice-President Kromydas to adopt the proposed changes to the Conflict of Interest Code and authorize President Miller to sign the document; authorize Office Manager/Clerk of the Board Shawn Crawford to sign the Biennial Conflict-of-Interest Review statement, indicating the proposed changes be made; and authorize Fire Chief Steve Simons to sign the 2018 Local Agency Biennial Notice indicating the appropriate amendments be made. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Next Board Meeting Dates

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be August 22nd. The September meeting is scheduled for the 26th.

There will also be a joint meeting at West Shore Café at noon on August 20th, with North Tahoe Fire Protection District Board of Directors to attend a presentation by Emergency Services Consulting International regarding the completion of a performance review and examination of alternative governance models between Meeks Bay Fire and North Tahoe Fire Districts.

8. Chief's Reports

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

- Chief Simons will be gone from the August 3rd - 16th for his son's wedding;
- LAFCO meeting regarding fire service in El Dorado County on September 26th;
- Engineer training took place and was very successful. Firefighters Hollingsworth and Brazil were promoted to Engineers;
- North Tahoe Fire has a new brush engine they anticipate arriving by next week;
- After the thunder/hail storm some lightening fires were discovered;
- Vacation Home Rental (VHR) is still a topic of discussion. If the program develops, this could be a source of funding for inspections and permits;
- North Tahoe Fire's former Fire Chief Duane Whitelaw's funeral will be held on Sunday, August 5th at the Kings Beach Event Center;
- Fire season has been like it's already August with engines being on strike teams since June;
- Burn bans are in effect;
- Chief Schwartz introduced Erin Holland who is filling in as PIO following Beth Kenna's departure;
- Chief Schwartz spoke at Fire Districts Association of California (FDAC) on the topic of unfunded pension liabilities. He then realized that both Meeks Bay Fire and North Tahoe Fire are fairly healthy compared to other agencies;
- Peter Greenburg is a travel correspondent and interviewed Chief Schwartz for a radio show covering Lake Tahoe;
- Lake Tahoe Summit will be held at Sand Harbor and hosted by Senator Dean Heller on August 7th;



- Area fire agencies are in the final round of a regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for funding of equipment;
- Ferguson Fire has kept strike team members busy laying hose and building contingency lines to create a fire break; and
- BC Smith informed the Board that North Tahoe Fire/Meeks Bay Fire received a grant from California Fire Foundation which will allow placing common nozzles on all equipment.

9. Information Items

- Sheriff D’Agostini reported, via President Miller, that the resident deputy post in Tahoma can not be filled until September when the current resident deputy position is complete. There is also a problem locating a residence for a future resident deputy;
- President Miller received an email message from Valerie Welch of Tahoe Hills HOA thanking Meeks Bay Fire for participating at their annual meeting and letting him know that a donation would be forthcoming; and
- Report from Sustainable Community Advocates

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Vice-President Kromydas and seconded by Director Hyde to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors at 4:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn R. Crawford
Clerk of the Board

Additional Attendees:

Shawn Crawford	Clerk of the Board, Meeks Bay Fire
Kim Eason	Director of Finance & Administration, North Tahoe Fire
Erin Holland	Public Information Officer, North Tahoe Fire
Michael Schwartz	Fire Chief, North Tahoe Fire
Steve Simons	Fire Chief, Meeks Bay Fire
Greg Smith	Battalion Chief, North Tahoe Fire