



Meeks Bay Fire Protection District

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Edward I. Miller
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Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

January 15, 2020

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting of Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors, for the month of January was called to order at 3:33pm 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 Lemke and seconded by Vice President Hyde to approve the Board Minutes dated December 11, 2019, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Financial

It was moved by Director Kromydas and seconded by Director Lemke 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. Board Officer Elections & Committee Assignments

The following nominations were made and accepted as follows:

Board Officers:

- Director Miller as President by Director Beals and seconded by Vice President Hyde;
- Director Hyde as Vice-President by Director Beals and seconded by Director Kromydas ; and
- Director Beals as Secretary/Treasurer by Director Lemke and seconded by Director Kromydas

There were no additional nominations.

The Finance Committee will continue with Director Beals and Vice President Hyde

B. Establish by Resolution the Day, Time and Location for Regular Board Meetings

It was move by Vice President Hyde and seconded by Director Kromydas to waive the reading and adopt Resolution 2020-01, establishing that board meetings will be held, at Station 61 in the engine bay, on the third Wednesday of each month at 3:30PM through the November meeting; and the second Wednesday for the December meeting. The motion passed unanimously.



C. Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) Tax

Chief Schwartz described to the board the TBID tax program being adopted for the eastern portion of Placer County. Although this will be a tax in Placer County, it will effect all residents who shop, dine and conduct service-based business in eastern Placer County.

President Miller would like to set up a meeting with Sierra Sun and Moonshine Ink to make them aware of TBID and its unfunded consequences.

It was moved by Vice President Hyde and seconded by Director Kromydas to authorize Chief Schwartz and President Miller to draft a letter to North Tahoe Resort Association regarding formation of the TBID. Recognizing that increasing tourism revenue and not addressing impacts on local fire protection districts is not in the best interest of public health and safety for our residents and visitors. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Board Member Educational Opportunity

Staff provided board member educational opportunities being offered by Fire Districts Association of California (FDAC) and California Special Districts Association (CSDA). The FDAC seminar is being held in Modesto at the end of January. The CSDA seminar is being held in South Lake Tahoe at the end of September.

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

There was no discussion.

F. Next Board Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be February 19th. The March meeting will be held on the 18th.

7. Chief's Reports

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

S Mechanic Parle has created an apparatus replacement plan which far exceeds NFPA standards;

S The Homewood station remodel was completed last month, and came in under budget;

S There are three vacancies due to retirements/promotions;

S Nevada Firesafe Council (NVFSC) bankruptcy is back in court and there is potentially a settlement;

S There were a total 2,546 calls for year end 2019. Specific to Meeks Bay Fire were 247 ;

Operations Division Chief Leighton:

S A pilot program using a fire engine and ambulance at each call has been started;

S Engine 61 had a battery grounding problem which caused a significant amount of smoke inside the engine bay. It is now being worked on by Mechanic Parle;

S Still working with Forest Service for an agreement for them to use Station 62;

S ALS equipment has been added to Engine 51 and 52 in order to certify them as Paramedic Engines similar to Engine 61;

S Will be inspecting all turnouts, station and apparatus to ensure everything is safe and up-to-date. This will now be done annually;

Prevention Division Chief McNamara:

S Prevention has not slowed down even being outside construction season;

S Had a successful meeting regarding the temporary ban of fireworks on Lake Tahoe;



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- S Placer County now has a Short Term Rental (STR) permitting program similar to El Dorado County's Vacation Home Rental (VHR) program;
 - S El Dorado County has an ordinance, which will begin in July, to begin inspections and mitigation of hazardous vegetation on vacant lots;
 - S Additional Dwelling Units (ADU, aka granny flats) are not subject to fire sprinklers or mitigation fees, and may possibly not be limited by height restrictions;
 - S Working with Contractors Association Truckee Tahoe (CATT) for alternative materials and methods when a proposed structure is unable to meet fire flow requirements;
 - S Attended a class with FPO II Rodriguez and FPO I Sky, to review changes to the current Fire Code;
 - S The new Fire Code will require 30' setbacks on every side of structures;
- Training Battalion Chief Whisler:
- S Will hold Traffic Incident Management System (TIMS) training next month to teach creating safety on roadways;
 - S Extrication tool training was held last month; and
 - S Active shooter training is currently being conducted for all staff and interested board members.

8. Information Items

- S President Miller acknowledged PIO Holland's press release regarding the district's new directors;
- S Tahoe Cedars had another successful Christmas gala;
- S Report from Sustainable Community Advocates;

9. 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 5:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn R. Crawford
Clerk of the Board

Staff Attendees:

Fire Chief Michael Schwartz
Division Chief Steve Leighton
Division Chief Steve McNamara
Clerk of the Board Shawn Crawford
Battalion Chief Alan Whisler
PIO Erin Holland
Captain Mike Hacker
Firefighter Dustin Peters