



Meeks Bay Fire Protection District

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Edward I. Miller
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Jennifer Lemke

Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

December 11, 2019

Directors Present: Director Beals, Vice President Hyde, Director Kromydas, President Miller, and Director Lemke who was sworn in at this meeting

1. Call to Order

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

2. Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Past Minutes

It was moved by Vice President Hyde and seconded by Director Kromydas to approve the Board Minutes dated November 13, 2019, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Financial

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

5. Public Input

PIO Holland updated the board on the carbon monoxide call that took place over the Thanksgiving holiday; Alpine Meadows received NFPA designation as a Firewise community; Lake Tahoe West Restoration Partnership is treating 60,000 acres; and Climate Adaptation Awareness Plan (CAAP).

6. Business Requiring Action

A. Filling of Board Vacancy

Prior to the start of the meeting, candidate Doug Estill removed himself for consideration.

Following the interviews of candidates Jennifer Lemke and Tim Rantz, Directors raised concern over the possibility of perceived conflicts of interest of candidate Rantz who owns a local tree service. There was also discussion and concern regarding the frequency of needing to recuse himself any time the board made decisions that could directly, or indirectly, effect his business.

It was moved by Vice President Hyde and seconded by Director Beals to appoint Jennifer Lemke to fill the vacant seat on the board. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Crawford administered the Oath of Office to Director Lemke.



B. Public Hearing - Adoption of Amendments to 2019 California Fire Code

Public Hearing was opened at 4:55pm.

It was moved by Director Beals and seconded by Director Kromydas to waive the reading and adopt Ordinance 19-2, amending the fire code of the district pertaining to the amendment and adoption of the 2019 Edition of the California Building Standards Code. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing was closed at 5:00pm.

C. Future Board Meeting Dates

It was moved by Director Kromydas and seconded by Vice President Hyde to change board meetings in 2020 to be held on the third Wednesdays of each month, with the exception of the December meeting which will continue to be held on the second Wednesday. The motion passed unanimously.

President Miller informed the board that, with this change, due to his commitment with El Dorado County Civil Service Commission, there may be times that a board meeting might need to be rescheduled.

Staff will prepare the resolution to be adopted at the January meeting.

D. Tahoe Forest Hospital District Political Boundary Inclusion

Residents of El Dorado County, although they do not pay taxes to the hospital district, they still have access to the same services as residents of Tahoe Forest Hospital District. No action was taken or needed.

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 January 15th. The February meeting will be held on the 19th.

7. Chief's Reports

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

- S Lake Tahoe Basin is no longer in fire restriction;
- S CERT member Howard Perry Passed away last week;
- S North Tahoe and Meeks Bay Fire Districts have become very successful regional grant partners;
- S Distributed Lake Tahoe West Op-Ed covering Lake Tahoe West Restoration Partnership; and
- S Nevada Firesafe bankruptcy hearing will be going back to court in January;

Chief Leighton's Report:

- S Working toward getting Station 53 project completed by Christmas;
- S Station 52 crew was dispatched to a pond in Kings Beach for a report of a person struggling in the ice. Instead, the crew saved a beaver that was struggling; and
- S The new ambulance has been placed into service;



Chief McNamara's Report:

- S He has been holding stakeholder meetings with both Tahoe City and North Tahoe PUDs;
- S Will be holding a water purveyor meeting in the spring;
- S Discussed the temporary suspension of commercial fireworks displays taking place on the water; there will be a public workshop to discuss ways to mitigate the various challenges;
- S Working on ways to resolve water challenges related to fire hydrants and sprinklers;
- S Accessory dwelling units, which the state is encouraging as a form of workforce housing, could be used as VHRs instead. Changes are being made to the Health and Safety Code to eliminate or reduce district mitigation fees and fire sprinkler requirements; and
- S Discussed the CO alarm over the Thanksgiving holiday.

8. Information Items

- S El Dorado County's DOT supervisor who is responsible for the Meeks Bay/Tahoma area, has been moved to another area;
- S President Miller complimented the safety staff for a call they responded to on his road;
- S Report received 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 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn R. Crawford
Clerk of the Board

Staff Attendees:

Fire Chief Michael Schwartz
Division Chief Steve Leighton
Division Chief Steve McNamara
Director of Finance Kim Eason
Clerk of the Board Shawn Crawford
PIO Erin Holland

Additional Attendees:

Tim Rantz