



# Meeks Bay Fire Protection District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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**Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, February 21, 2024 ❖ 3:30 p.m.**

## Minutes

**Directors Present:** Vice-President Kromydas, President Miller, and Director Millslagle a quorum is established.

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors for the month of January was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by President Miller.

### 2. Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

There were no additions or changes to the agenda. There was no public comment.

It was moved by Director Millslagle and seconded by Director Kromydas to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### 3. Approval of Past Minutes

There were no changes to the minutes from the January 17, 2024 meeting. There was no public comment.

It was moved by Director Kromydas and seconded by Director Millslagle to approve the Board Minutes dated January 17, 2024, as submitted and posted. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### 4. Financial

There was a discussion between Board and staff.

It was moved by Director Millslagle and seconded by Director Kromydas to accept the financial reports, Items 4.A-E, as presented. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### 5. Public Input

There was none.

### 6. Business Requiring Action

#### A. Future Planning with North Tahoe Fire Protection District

Chief Leighton presented this item to the Board. Where we are to date is El Dorado County Board of Supervisors has voted to approve an offer for the North Tahoe Fire and Meeks Bay Fire annexation. The offer comes in four parts:

1. Station 67 or a station that will meet standards of coverage will continue to be staffed and operated at the current level of service to be negotiated between County staff and



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Placer Local Agency Formation Commission. Chief Leighton stated that we have no intention of closing station 67 in the immediate future or staffing any different from what we currently are.

2. Meeks Bay special taxes and assessments remain at current levels for at least five years. Chief Leighton added that staff suggests that the Boards consider equalizing the tax instead, which is also the recommendation from Michelle McIntyre who is Placer LAFCO's Executive Officer.
3. Property tax increment for each tax rate area in Meeks Bay would be brought up to at least the average for all tax rate areas in North Tahoe.
4. A one-time lump sum payment of \$992,000, which equals three years' worth of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) funding plus an additional \$200,000 for the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District for Fiscal Year 2023-24. Chief Leighton added that on January 24<sup>th</sup>, El Dorado County Board of Supervisors opened up TOT funding again for the calendar year 2023. The application is due on March 1<sup>st</sup> and staff is currently working on our application and are looking to submit it either this Friday or next Monday.

At today's Board meeting, Chief Leighton wanted to explain to the Board what his perspective is on the offer, and he believes that this offer is anywhere from a great offer to a fair offer. At next month's Board meeting, Chief Leighton is going to ask the Board for a motion to vote on whether the Board agrees to the terms of the offer and that they want to continue to go forward with the annexation process. He will be doing the same thing for the North Tahoe Fire Board of Directors. These motions are the next step in the process. From there, these motions will be sent to El Dorado County's and Placer County's Board of Supervisors who will then vote on a resolution stating that they also agree to the terms of the offer. After that, those resolutions will go to Placer LAFCO who will go through their processes.

There was a discussion between Board and staff. There was no public comment.

### **B. Next Board Meeting Dates**

- March 20, 2024 – regular Board meeting
- April 17, 2024 – regular Board meeting

This was information only. No Board action was required There was no public comment.

### **7. Chief's Report**

Chief Leighton updated the Board on activities since the last meeting. Items of particular interest include:

- On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a full-scale evacuation drill in Meeks Bay. Staff is in the planning process for this and have been working with El Dorado OES. There will be a town hall meeting either at Station 67 or at Marie Sluchak Community Park.
- It is grant season and the District is working on submitting applications for the TOT grant, AFG grant, and the SAFER grant.



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- The District hired a new lateral firefighter who will be starting on March 25<sup>th</sup> and also hired a new Administrative Manager who started on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

### 8. Information Items

The reports from Sustainable Community Advocates were included in the Board packet.

President Miller spoke with Wes at W&T Graphics in Truckee regarding the logo wear. They have all of the artwork for Meeks Bay Fire and said that producing the logo wear will not be very expensive. Wes is going to get some pricing together for President Miller.

President Miller spoke with the woman involved in the bus shelter incident and said that she was treated very well by North Tahoe's paramedics and that she was very thankful.

### 9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Kromydas and seconded by Director Millslagle to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Daniels  
Clerk of the Board

#### **Staff Attendees:**

Fire Chief Steve Leighton  
Director of Finance Kim Eason  
Captain/Paramedic Dan Hopwood  
Firefighter/Paramedic Ted Soloski  
Clerk of the Board Melissa Daniels

#### **Additional Attendees:**

None