



# Meeks Bay Fire Protection District

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## Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes  
August 22, 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 August was called to order at 3:37pm 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 July 25, 2018, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Financial

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

### 5. Public Input

Michelle Severy questioned if station 62, located in Tahoma, could possibly be used as quarters for a resident deputy. President Miller informed her that the station houses equipment only; it does not have any type of living quarters.

### 6. Business Requiring Action

#### A. Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI) Performance Review and Examination of Alternative Governance Models Between Meeks Bay Fire and North Tahoe Fire

President Miller requested input from the directors and staff regarding the presentation by ESCI.

- Director Warmack would like more time to review the information presented just two days prior and was not prepared to discuss it at this time.
- Vice-President Kromydas was pleased with the presentation. If we [the district] were to move toward legal unification, he would like to see an outline/timeline of the process.
- Director Hyde agreed with what Vice-President Kromydas said, giving the directors a better idea of what needs to be done.



- President Miller was surprised that more time was spent on the governance study than the Standards of Coverage.

He is more concerned about the people he serves (the Meeks Bay Fire community), not so much that of North Tahoe. He would like a study/survey done specifically of the El Dorado County (Meeks Bay Fire) residents.

He is also concerned about the length of time an emergency call takes prior to being dispatched.

- Chief Schwartz, representing both districts, is interested in the concerns of both districts. He believes the two organizations together are working really well for both districts.

He was disappointed the survey results were not separated by county. He confirmed with ESCI that he should receive that information by the end of the week.

He would like staff to work with dispatch to reduce emergency call dispatch times.

- President Miller requested this be included on future agendas to allow directors to keep the discussion ongoing.
- Chief Simons also wants dispatch to improve, but we [safety staff] also need to improve district turn out (response) times. The combination of both agencies working together, benefits both districts.

President Miller thanked the chiefs and administrative staff for all the work put into the study.

### **B. Surplus Inventory of 4-inch Rubber Jacket Supply Hose with Couplings**

It was moved by Vice-President Kromydas and seconded by Director Warmack to authorize the Fire Chief to surplus the inventory of 4-inch rubber jacket supply hose with couplings, as per Lexipol SOP#201 Asset Disposition. The motion passed unanimously.

### **C. Next Board Meeting Dates**

It was moved by Director Warmack and seconded by Vice-President Kromydas to change the regular board meeting for the month of September from the 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm to Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm, in order to allow attendance at the El Dorado County LAFCO workshop on fire districts scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in Placerville. The motion passed unanimously.

The October meeting will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. Chief's Reports**

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

- The crews did a great job on the structure fire on North Lane. All six occupants and their dog escaped without injury. Nor were there any firefighter injuries;



- Due to wildland firefighter fatalities this year, Chief Simons held safety meetings with every crew at every station, prior to leaving on vacation for his son's wedding;
- New term "particularly dangerous situation" is now being used for Red Flag conditions;
- Most of our resources are back in the district. There are still some single resource personnel on out-of-area assignments;
- Should have final budget details in a couple weeks;
- New brush engine is in the district, the build-up is currently being done;
- Fire Chiefs are working again to garner some of the Prop 172 funds;
- Facilities Coordinator resigned, so that position is currently vacant;
- Chief Schwartz thanked everyone who was able to attend Duane Whitelaw's memorial. The organization did an outstanding job;
- Attended the Lake Tahoe Summit at Sand Harbor. The summit's focus was back on fire;
- ESCI will be making corrections to verbiage and typographical errors and should have the Power Point presentation available by the end of the week;
- PIO Holland is working on 'Next Door - Tahoma'

**8. Information Items**

- President Miller and Chiefs attended the Tahoe Cedars HOA meeting at the beginning of August;
- Director Massie is in a physical rehabilitation facility in Reno;
- Director Warmack is concerned about dead trees in the Meeks Bay area and cars blocking roadways;
- Chief Simons has talked to a person who is interested in taking the FMC to Guatemala if the district is willing to donate it, and another person who has offered to pay \$250;
- Report from Sustainable Community Advocates

**9. 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 4:51pm.

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	PIO, North Tahoe Fire
Michael Schwartz	Fire Chief, North Tahoe Fire
Steve Simons	Fire Chief, Meeks Bay Fire
Alan Whisler	Battalion Chief, North Tahoe Fire
Michelle & Steve Severy	Community Members