



Meeks Bay Fire Protection District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
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Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes
September 30, 2020

Directors Present: Vice President Beals, 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 September was called to order at 3:30pm by President Miller.

2. Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Director Lemke 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 Kromydas and seconded by Director Lemke to approve the Board Minutes dated July 15, 2020, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Financial

It was moved by Director Lemke and seconded by Director Kromydas 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. Public Hearing to Adopt the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 by Resolution 2020-10
President Miller opened the public hearing at 3:38pm.

It was moved by Director Lemke and seconded by Director Kromydas to waive the reading and adopt the final budget for fiscal year 2020/21 by Resolution 2020-10, in the amount of \$1,967,072. The motion passed unanimously.

President Miller closed the public hearing at 3:50pm.

B. Nominate Director for Appointment by Board of Supervisors Due to Insufficient Nominees for Election

Staff will double-check the deadline date of October 15th. Information will be posted on social media outlets.



C. Board Member Insurance Benefit Review

Vice President Beals requested a review and discussion of board member insurance benefits.

The benefits received by North Tahoe Fire board members were discussed.

Staff will research insurance costs, consult with District Council, review increasing meeting fees, and report back to the board with a comprehensive review.

No action was taken.

D. Fire Ordinance Violations

President Miller requested answers to questions he is frequently asked regarding fire ordinance violations.

Division Chief McNamara's written responses to the questions were well received by the directors. Captain Armstrong provided a lot of the data pertaining to the number of 9-1-1 calls received for fire ordinance violations. There have been 118 calls in Placer County and 37 calls in El Dorado County. Many of those calls were not violations. The positive outcome has been that the public has become informed and they are calling 9-1-1 when they see something that appears to be illegal. Of the 37 calls in El Dorado County, there were only four locations that were repeat calls, and none of them were more than two times. Staff will begin aligning the list of VHRs with illegal burning to see if there is any correlation.

No action was taken.

E. Meeks Bay Restoration Project Update

Division Chief McNamara updated the board on the status of the Meeks Bay Restoration project.

Chief McNamara has been attending most of the meetings as a stakeholder representative and will continue to attend and provide reports to the board. President Miller agrees that Meeks Bay Fire should be involved with the project and be an active participant.

F. Next Board Meeting Dates

The next meetings of the Board of Directors will be October 21st and November 18th.

7. Chief's Reports

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

- S The state is at full capacity for fire responses, and are still at the peak of fire season;
- S Will continue to keep staffing up, much like during the summer;
- S Grants: brick grants for infrastructure four applications: 1) Station 52 reconstruction, 2) fire boat, 3) fire water with utility district to improve the infrastructure, and 4) fire mitigation;



S SNPLMA Rnd 18 has two large projects - 1) 300-700 acre treatment area, 2) PTIER - fire adapted community work;

Chief McNamara

S Chipping activities are weather-dependant, so there is no firm end date. Chief McNamara requested that if directors are aware of chipping piles, please let him know so he can make contact with the property owner;

S Requesting bids for snow removal at Stn 67

Chief Leighton

S First strike team was June 22nd and have responded to 17 different fires, with a total of 46 firefighters; crews are rotating through every 14 days - currently on fourth rotation;

S All Station 67 apparatus is in service;

S Workforce has remained healthy even throughout the COVID/fire season;

S Director Lemke asked to pass on appreciation to the firefighters;

S President Miller is also very proud of the staff of both districts.

8. Information Items

S Vice President Beals will be filling a position on North Tahoe PUD's board, being sworn in December 4th. She plans to remain on the Meeks Bay Fire Board through the November meeting and then stepping down. Directors are not allowed to sit on two board with overlapping jurisdictions;

S Report from Sustainable Community Advocates;

S President Miller asked the directors to consider Stn 68 and what its future can/should be. It's original purpose was as a location for volunteer firefighters to easily access apparatus. It is now being used as an apparatus storage facility;

S Directors should begin considering long-term planning for the district.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Kromydas and seconded by Director Lemke to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors at 5:36pm.

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

Additional Attendees:

Jan Brisco