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BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Edward I. Miller Nicholas J. Kromydas Jane L. Warmack Bruce C. Massie Stephen W. Hyde

## Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors Special Meeting

## Minutes

December 18, 2018

## **Directors Present:** Director Hyde, Director Massie, President Miller and Director Warmack

**Director Not Present:** Vice-President Kromydas

#### 1. Call to Order

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

#### 2. Administer Oath of Office to Board Members

Clerk of the Board Shawn Crawford administered the Oath of Office to Directors Hyde and Massie.

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

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

#### 4. Approval of Past Minutes

It was moved by Director Hyde and seconded by Director Massie to approve the Board Minutes dated November 13, 2018, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 5. Financial

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

## 6. Public Input

There was none.

## 7. Business Requiring Action

A. Letter of Understanding and Interagency Agreement Between El Dorado County and Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Regarding Vacation Home Rental (VHR) Inspections It was moved by Director Warmack and seconded by Director Massie to authorize Chief Simons to sign and enter into the agreement with El Dorado County regarding vacation home rental inspections. The motion passed unanimously.



# **B.** Homeowner Insurance Cancellations

President Miller lead a discussion regarding cancellation of homeowner insurance in the area. Some of his neighbors are considering selling their homes because of the lack of insurability.

There is information on both the Meeks Bay and North Tahoe Fire websites about what to do if dropped by an insurance company.

AAA doesn't write new policies in this area, but they are not cancelling current policies. Lloyds of London, USAA, Hartford and Nationwide also are no longer writing policies in the area.

This was for discussion only. No action was taken.

## C. LAFCO Study Session on Alternative Governing Models for Fire Services

It was moved by Director Hyde and seconded by Director Massie to change the date of the January board meeting to Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> to allow board members and Chief Simons the opportunity to attend the LAFCO study session on alternative governing models for fire services. The motion passed unanimously.

# D. Examination of Alternative Governance Models Between Meeks Bay and North Tahoe Fire Districts

Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI) has agreed to make a presentation at a joint meeting about what the next steps are moving forward. After seating a new board member in January, North Tahoe Fire Board will discuss having the meeting in March. Staff will propose possible dates at the Meeks Bay Fire January meeting.

## E. Next Board Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be January 29<sup>th</sup>. The February meeting will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

## 8. Chief's Reports

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

- Approximately 20% of staff were at the Camp Fire. This was possible because the union was willing to ensure all positions would be covered.
- Another area strike team was also sent to the Woolsey Fire.
- CO detectors have a seven-year time-span. After seven years, the detector will timeout and begin chirping and giving error messages.
- Chief Schwartz would like to put everyone's experiences together and create a "lessons learned" document.
- Due to snow on the ground, local fire restrictions are lifted.
- CalFire is out of the Basin for the winter season
- Prescribed fires are taking place.
- Captain Mulkey was injured on his day off after slipping on ice.



- North Tahoe Fire wll be performing interviews next week to fill the Forest Fuels Coordinator position.
- Chief Conradson will have discussions with CATT in an attempt to streamline the building permit process.
- Prevention will be using third-party plan reviewers for sprinklers and more complicated plans.
- Updated cost recovery fees will be presented at the January.
- The project at Tahoma Market was put on hold because they had a permit for foundation work only. Their construction plans are currently under review to move forward.
- Grant update: FEMA, AFG, ballistic protection (MEK) \$4,000, power-driven gurnies \$144,000, \$180,000 rescue, mechanical compression devices (mechanical CPR), \$6.2 mill - federal grant smart streetlights (150 lights throughout the basin) will include emergency notifications.
- New medications are being placed on apparatus.
- North Tahoe Fire will be conducting interviews for the PIO position.
- North Tahoe Fire will receive funding from transient occupancy tax (TOT) funds to purchase two new trailer, emergency, notification signs

## 9. Information Items

- Report from Sustainable Community Advocates
- Thank you card from Sierra House School PTA (South Lake Tahoe) for response to their classroom fire
- Board expresses its gratitude to all the staff for their response and staff at the Camp fire.

## 10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Massie and seconded by Director Warmack to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors at 5:02pm.

Respectfully submitted, Shawn R. Crawford Clerk of the Board

## **Additional Attendees:**

Division Chief Todd Conradson Clerk of the Board Shawn Crawford Director of Finance & Administration Kim Eason Battalion Chief Steve McNamara Captain John Perhacs Firefighter/Paramedic Dustin Peters Fire Chief Michael Schwartz Fire Chief Steve Simons