



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

December 16, 2020

Directors Present: Vice President Kromydas, Director Lemke and President Miller

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 3:33pm by President Miller.

2. Oaths of Office Administered to Directors

Clerk of the Board Shawn Crawford administered the Oath of Office to Directors Lemke and Miller.

3. Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Director Kromydas and seconded by Director Lemke to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Past Minutes

It was moved by Director Lemke and seconded by Director Kromydas to approve the Board Minutes dated October 21, 2020, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. 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.

6. Business Requiring Action

A. Board Officer Elections & Committee Assignments

The following nominations were made and accepted as follows:

Board Officers:

- Director Miller as President nominated by Director Lemke and seconded by Director Kromydas;
- Director Kromydas as Vice-President nominated by Director Lemke and seconded by President Miller; and
- Director Lemke as Secretary/Treasurer by Vice President Kromydas and seconded by President Miller

There were no additional nominations. The motions passed unanimously.

The Finance Committee will continue with Vice President Kromydas, and Director Lemke as Committee Chair.

B. Review of Candidate Applications

There were no candidate applications submitted.



C. Establish by Resolution the Day, Time and Location for Regular Board Meetings

It was moved by Vice President Kromydas and seconded by Director Lemke to waive the reading and adopt Resolution 2020-11, establishing that board meetings will be held, at Station 67 (or virtually if necessary/required), to begin at 3:30PM, on the third Wednesday of each month, January through November, and the second Wednesday in the month of December. The motion passed unanimously.

D. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance and Schedule of Cost Recovery Fees

Ordinance 21-1 was introduced, the title was read and a full reading of the ordinance was waived. A public hearing and vote will occur at the January 20, 2021 board meeting.

E. Appointment of Meeks Bay Fire Chief

Chief Schwartz announced that he has appointed Assistant Chief Steve Leighton as the Fire Chief of Meeks Bay Fire. Chief Schwartz swore in Assistant Chief Leighton as the Fire Chief for Meeks Bay Fire.

F. Fire District Long-term Planning with North Tahoe Fire

The Directors will discuss and prepare articles for a future newsletter.

Staff was directed to invite LAFCO Executive Director Jose Henriquez and El Dorado County Supervisor Sue Novasel to either the January or February meeting.

G. Next Board Meeting Dates

The next meetings of the Board of Directors will be January 20th and February 17th.

7. Public Input

Ms. Hutchinson addressed the Board questioning the necessity of a fire boat, and lift at Meeks Bay Marina. She requested this be added to a future agenda. She does not want to accept the tax liability associated with a fire boat. Staff was directed to agendize Chief McNamara's presentation, regarding the need for a fire boat, at a future meeting.

President Miller explained to Ms. Hutchinson that taxes do not increase due to purchases of specific equipment or apparatus. New taxes or tax increases occur as a result of a passage by voters and/or property owners. Acquisition of a Fire/Rescue vessel would not require a tax increase.

8. Chief's Reports

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

- S The districts are now out of fire restrictions. Locations of prescribed fires can be found on the Tahoe Fire & Fuels Team (TFFT) website
<https://fireadaptednetwork.org/member/tahoe-fire-and-fuels-team/>
- S Captains promotions have been conferred on John Farrell and Jeremiah Meadows.
- S Fire Academy in Carson City was paused for 14 days due to positive COVID tests. The recruits were given lessons to complete remotely.
- S Engineer testing is continuing. It was extended due to COVID quarantining.
- S Recently had a confirmed COVID positive case. All staff are required to wear an N95 mask when in any common area or meeting with any other staff, for two weeks.
- S Occupancies are still going up which means call volume is also going up

Leighton:

- S The most recent Caughlin Ranch fire lost 5 homes, as opposed to 43 homes lost in 2011. The two fires started on the same day with similar conditions. Improved automatic and mutual aid agreements,



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integrated dispatch systems and a focus on defensible space all contributed to the positive outcome of this fire.

- S All apparatus are in good working condition. Mechanic Parle is doing a great job of keeping the fleet ready to respond.
- S Five engines are now equipped as ALS engines. A future fire boat would also have the same ALS equipment

McNamara:

- S Looking forward to working with US Forest Service on the Meeks Bay Restoration Plan and explore stationing a future fire boat at Meeks Bay. This would be one more tool available to assist with emergency responses.
- S There is concern about the increased use of traffic calming devices. Every device adds ten seconds to response times.
- S Prevention will report at the beginning of next year about the correlation between short-term rentals and emergency calls.

9. Information Items

- S Letter of Resignation from Director Beals, effective November 30, 2020;
- S President Miller's response the Director Beals' resignation. He also verbally thanked her at this meeting;
- S October and November reports from Sustainable Community Advocates
- S President Miller extolled his appreciation of Captain Mike Hacker who will be retiring at the end of the year.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Vice President Kromydas and seconded by Director Lemke to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors at 5:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn R. Crawford
Clerk of the Board

Staff Attendees:

Fire Chief Michael Schwartz
Assistant Chief Steve Leighton
Division Chief Steve McNamara
Clerk of the Board Shawn Crawford

Additional Attendees:

Former Director Ellie Beals
Julie Hutchinson