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# Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

# **Minutes**

June 17, 2020

**Directors Present:** Director Beals, Director Kromydas, Director Lemke and President Miller

**Director Not Present:** Vice President Hyde

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors, for the month of June was called to order at 3:39pm 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 May 20, 2020, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. Financial

It was moved by Director Beals and seconded by Director Lemke to accept the financial reports, items 4.A-E, as amended (changing the developer fee deposit from \$5,000 to \$500). The motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Public Input

There was none.

## 6. Business Requiring Action

# A. Public Hearing to Adopt Resolution 2020-05 - Adoption of Appropriation Limitation for Fiscal Year 2020/2021

Public Hearing opened at 3:40pm

It was moved by Director Beals and seconded by Director Kromydas to waive the reading and adopt Resolution 2020-05 - setting the appropriations limit for fiscal year 2020/2021 at the sum of \$1,718,673. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing closed at 3:42pm

# B. Resolution 2020-06 - Adoption of Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021

It was moved by Director Beals and seconded by Director Kromydas to waive the reading and adopt Resolution 2020-06, adopting the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The Final Budget will be presented for adoption at a Public Hearing at the September board meeting.

# C. Resolution 2020-07 - Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Three-year Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement (Schedule A Dispatch)

It was moved by Director Lemke and seconded by Director Kromydas to waive the reading and adopt Resolution 2020-07 authorizing Chief Schwartz to sign contract #2CA04970, for dispatch services from Cal Fire-Grass Valley, in the amount of \$18,824.48 (over three years), for the 2020/2021 through 2022/2023 fiscal years. The motion passed unanimously.

# D. Sale of Wheeled Chipper and Tow Vehicle to North Tahoe Fire

It was moved by Director Beals and seconded by Director Kromydas to authorized the sale of the wheeled chipper (M-1508, 250 Brush Bandit Chipper) and tow vehicle (M-1507, Freightliner) to North Tahoe Fire for the price of \$1.00, with the understanding that, if Meeks Bay Fire chooses to reclaim the equipment, they may purchase it from North Tahoe Fire for the same price of \$1.00. The motion passed unanimously.

## **E.** Next Board Meeting Dates

The next meetings of the Board of Directors will be July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup>. The September meeting will be moved to September 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 7. Chief's Reports

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

- S The draft plan for "Seven Steps to Normalization" (COVID-19);
- S Currently only allowing essential purchases;
- S Will be completing the radio installation at Station 67;
- S "Steve Hyde" electronic sign to provide current, relevant information in front of Station 67;
- S BC Whisler did a great job putting on the Engineers Academy;
- S Squaw Valley Fire and Northstar Fire are looking at starting an ambulance program, in a competitive manner, not in a way to work with the existing providers;
- S Health & Wellness physicals are currently being performed;

### McNamara

- S Upgraded fire prevention protocols due to COVID-19 and are now performing inspections;
- S Title 14: Fire Safe Regulations requires new structures to be home hardened if the structure is at 30' or less from the property line. The districts are no longer involved with the enforcement of this code. It will be the responsibility of County Building Departments;
- S All prevention services can now be scheduled online;



S Brought on two, seasonal, defensible space inspectors, and one full time inspector responsible for defensible space and vacation rental inspections;

### Horntvedt

- S Glenridge and Tahoma (1300 parcels) are targeted for defensible space inspections this year;
- S Preparing for a PTEIR meeting via Zoom will begin tonight at 1700 hours. He will also be posting the information online following the meeting;

# Holland

- S Electronic sign trailers have been extraordinarily effective. The Meeks Bay unit needs to be updated so it runs more consistently;
- S Working with Placer County to assist in promoting that fireworks are illegal in the basin;
- S Provided update of COVID statistics;

## Leighton

- S Discussed the increase in COVID cases in California and the added stress of civil unrest and how the district is responding to keep our staff safe;
- S Five strike teams have been sent to the fire in Calaveras County from El Dorado County. Fire agencies of Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs Association response area will be next in line to be dispatched if needed; and
- S When recently tested, Engine 67 failed the pump test on the first test. It is now being looked at to ensure it is ready to respond.

### 8. Information Items

- S Received a letter of resignation from Director Steve Hyde. He will be dearly missed; and
- S Report from Sustainable Community Advocates

### 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 5:17pm.

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
Public Information Officer Erin Holland
Forest Fuels Coordinator Eric Horntvedt