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Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes
October 23, 2019

Directors Present: Director Beals, Vice President Hyde, Director Kromydas, and President Miller

1. Call to Order

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

2. Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Past Minutes

It was moved by Director Kromydas and seconded by Vice President Hyde to approve the Board Minutes dated September 25, 2019, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Financial

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

5. Public Input

Suzanne Gibbons acknowledged the firefighters and paramedics of Meeks Bay and North Tahoe Fire districts for their professional and caring responses.

6. Business Requiring Action

A. Selection to Fill Board Vacancy

Because just one of the three candidates were in attendance, it was moved by Director Kromydas and seconded by Director Beals to table the decision until the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Lease Agreement of Station 62 to US Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

The USFS mitigation specialist has reviewed station 43 in Meeks Bay, however, there is no time frame as to when the report will be complete.

President Miller requested phrases such as “Including but not limited to” and “not to exceed” stricken from the agreement. He would like more detail and less generalities. He would also like the agreement to indicate which agency will be notifying the neighbors.

The agreement will include that permitting costs will be born by US Forest Service.



No action was taken. Chiefs Simons and Jacobson will include the details as discussed and send the final draft to the respective legal counsels.

C. Letter Regarding the Working Conditions of US Forest Service Personnel

President Miller plans to have a letter for review at the next meeting outlining the board's concern for the working conditions of US Forest Service personnel.

D. Alternative Governance Between Meeks Bay Fire and North Tahoe Fire

The town hall meeting will not be taking place this evening as planned, but Supervisor Novasel plans to schedule a meeting in November.

E. Next Board Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be November 13th (second week of November). The December meeting will be the 11th (also the second Wednesday of the month).

7. Presentation Items

A. Presentation of Resolutions of Appreciation to Directors Massie and Warmack

President Miller and Chief Simons presented former Directors Massie and Warmack with Resolutions of Appreciation for their years of service to the District.

8. Chief's Reports

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

- S Chief Leighton was introduced as the new Division Chief of Operations;
- S Crews are currently in the process of hydrant detail which entails ensuring hydrants are functioning properly and surrounding brush is cut back;
- S Staff has been in numerous meetings talking about transient occupancy tax (TOT) and vacation home rentals/short term rentals (VHR/STR) and the impact they have on local emergency resources without additional funding;
- S North Tahoe Fire just completed an engineer academy to train future engineers;
- S Talina Sky has been promoted to Fire Prevention Officer (FPO) I and David Rodriguez is preparing for a promotional opportunity for FPO II;
- S Chris McMaster completed all the requested defensible space inspections in Lake Valley Fire's area. This was a part of a large regional grant;
- S So far this year, the fuels team has completed 1800 defensible space inspections and chipped 800 properties;
- S A treatment plan is currently being work on for the Ring Road area;
- S El Dorado County will be enforcing their ordinance for defensible space for improved and unimproved properties, to the point of abatement and placing liens on offending properties beginning June of 2020;
- S Newly promoted Battalion Chief Sedgwick will be filling the responsibilities of EMS and IT; and
- S El Dorado Hills is still interested in purchasing the track chipper. There has also been interest from another fire agency and a private contractor.

9. Information Items

- S The Tahoma Christmas Gala will be on the second Saturday of December (as opposed to the first);



- S President Miller thanked Division Chief McNamara for his assistance with his email access on his cell phone; and
- S Report from Sustainable Community Advocates

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Vice President Hyde and seconded by Director Kromydas to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors at 5:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn R. Crawford
Clerk of the Board

Staff Attendees:

Fire Chief Steve Simons
Division Chief Steve McNamara
Division Chief Steve Leighton
Clerk of the Board Shawn Crawford
Battalion Chief Scott Sedgwick

Additional Attendees:

US Forest Service Rep. Kyle Jacobson
Suzanne Gibbons
Tim Rantz