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Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes
June 26, 2019

Directors Present: Director Beals, Vice President Hyde, President Miller, Director Warmack and Director Kromydas who was sworn in at this meeting

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 3:32pm by President Miller.

2. 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.

3. Business Requiring Action

A. Review of Candidate Applications and Selection to Fill Board Vacancy

Tim Rantz introduced himself last month and Korie Kromydas introduced herself at this meeting.

After review of letters of interest and resumes from Tim Rantz and Korie Kromydas, it was moved by President Miller and seconded by Director Hyde to appoint Korie Kromydas to fill the vacant seat on the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Election of Officers

It was moved by Director Warmack and seconded by Director Beals to appoint Director Hyde to fill the position of Vice President. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Public Hearing: Resolution 2019-03 - Adoption of Appropriation Limitation for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Public Hearing opened at 3:53pm

It was moved by Director Warmack and seconded by Director Hyde to waive the reading and adopt Resolution 2019-03 - setting the appropriations limit for fiscal year 2019-2020 at the sum of \$1,6,27,069. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing closed at 3:59pm



D. Adoption of Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

President Miller expressed concern over potentially making major changes to the District's governance with so many Directors leaving office and the appointment of new Directors. He also pointed out that his “unofficial” inquiries on social media indicated what appeared to be a lack of knowledge and information among the public about the status and relationship between Meeks Bay Fire and North Tahoe Fire.

It was moved by Director Hyde and seconded by Director Warmack to waive the reading and adopt Resolution 2019-04, approving the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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

E. Examination of Alternative Governance Models Between Meeks Bay Fire and North Tahoe Fire

It was moved by President Miller and seconded by Director Warmack that all actions with LAFCO and/or other external government agencies be immediately ceased until after the following:

- Presentations be made at all upcoming homeowner/property owner meetings regarding any changes in Meeks Bay Fire Protection District as their emergency service provider;
- A series of public meetings be highly publicized and held over upcoming months;
- A specific survey be developed by Meeks Bay Fire Board regarding any changes to be made in the governance of Meeks Bay Fire Protection District; and
- The aforementioned survey be sent out to everyone residing in, voting in, or owning property in the District, rather than a “sample percentage.”

Ayes: Director Kromydas, President Miller Director Warmack

No: Director Beals

Abstain: Director Hyde

The motion passed.

F. Consider Approving a Multi-Year Contract with BCM One for Internet Services

It was moved by Director Warmack and seconded by Director Hyde to authorize Chief Simons to enter into a multi-year contract for internet services with BCM One for internet connectivity and, if feasible, Netfortis/Fonality for VOIP, not to exceed \$5,700. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Changes and/or Additions to District Policy

It was moved by Director Beals and seconded by Director Kromydas to include Meeks Bay Fire Protection District in North Tahoe/Meeks Bay Fire Policy 104, allowing the Fire Chief or other designee, the flexibility to adopt positions on legislation in a timely manner. The motion passed unanimously.



H. Authorize Chief Simons to Sign Letter of Opposition to Senate Bill 13

It was moved by Director Hyde and seconded by Director Kromydas to authorize Chief Simons to sign a letter opposing Senate Bill 13.

Ayes: Director Beals, Director Hyde, Director Kromydas, President Miller

No:

Abstain: Director Warmack

The motion passed.

I. Newsletter

President Miller asked that the newsletter be delayed until after this board meeting. He would like to review the articles further before it is sent out.

J. Next Board Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be July 24th. The August meeting will be held on the 28th.

4. Approval of Past Minutes

It was moved by Director Hyde and seconded by Director Warmack to approve the Board Minutes dated May 22, 2019, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Financial

It was moved by Director Beals 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. Chief's Reports

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

- After re-visiting the Camp Fire area, he believes there is a strong need to increase public information with regard to taking personal responsibility during emergency situations. Citizens need to be trained listen to emergency responder instructions and be more cognizant of needed actions;
- There is a new response agreement for the Emerald Bay area that has almost been finalized;
- Homewood Station 53 should be re-opened toward the end of July;
- Getting ready for the annual pancake breakfast;
- Wildfire incidents have already been happening on the west slope;
- Red Flag warning in Nevada today. However, just because the basin isn't in Red Flag status, it does not mean we are safe - everyone still needs to take proper precautions;
- Today is the official first day of summer in this district and local fire ordinances are now in effect;



- Three new, lateral firefighter/paramedics are currently going through the North Tahoe Fire “mini academy;”
- Two new defensible space inspectors have started;
- There will be meetings held to discuss homeowner insurance being dropped in the area; anyone whose policy has not been renewed should contact the state insurance commissioner;
- During the next Fire Code cycle, our requirements will be even stronger than in years past;

8. Information Items

- Report from Sustainable Community Advocates
- Pancake breakfast will be the weekend of July 6th & 7th

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Vice President Hyde and seconded by Director Warmack to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors at 6:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn R. Crawford
Clerk of the Board

Additional Attendees:

Fire Chief Michael Schwartz
Fire Chief Steve Simons
Director of Finance Kim Eason
Clerk of the Board Shawn Crawford
Battalion Chief Greg Smith
Public Information Officer Erin Holland
Captain Paul Moen
Firefighter Dustin Hollingsworth
Firefighter Ted Soloski
Firefighter Joshua McCurley

Additional Attendees:

Jennifer Lemke
Tim Rantz
Christopher Tuck