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Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors Special Meeting

Minutes
September 25, 2018

Directors Present: Director Hyde, Director Massie (arrived 3:43 p.m.), President Miller and Director Warmack

Directors 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 September was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President Miller.

2. Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Past Minutes

It was moved by Director Hyde and seconded by Director Warmack to approve the Board Minutes dated September 20, 2018 and September 22, 2018, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Financial

The clothing figure for 2018-2019 is not on the expense report. The clothing figure that is on the report is for 2017-2018 fiscal year.

It was moved by President Miller and seconded by Director Warmack to accept the financial reports, (Items 4.A-G) as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Input

There was none.

6. Business Requiring Possible Action

A. Resolution 2018-09 Accepting the FY2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Award (#EMW-2017-FR-00385) Extrication Grant from FEMA for Extrication Tools in the Amount of \$200,083

Chief Simons explained that the purpose of this grant is to purchase extrication tools and how those tools will be distributed among the recipients. This grant will enable the District to have standardized equipment throughout.

It was moved by Director Warmack and seconded by Director Hyde to adopt Resolution 2018-09, authorizing Chief Simons to sign and execute any agreements and any amendments on behalf of Meeks Bay Fire Protection District. The roll call vote was three in favor:



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AYES: Directors Hyde, Miller, and Warmack
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Directors Kromydas and Massie

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B. Public Hearing:

Adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 by Resolution 2018-10

President Miller opened the Public Hearing at 3:43 p.m.

It was moved by Director Warmack and seconded by Director Hyde to adopt the final budget by Resolution 2018-10 for fiscal year 2018/2019 in the amount of \$1,642,483. The roll call vote was four in favor:

AYES: Directors Hyde, Massie, Miller, and Warmack
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Director Kromydas

The public hearing closed at 3:44 p.m.

C. Nominee of Director for Consideration by El Dorado County Board of Supervisors for Appointment to the District's Full Four-year Term

Director Massie would like to be nominated to serve on the Board for another full four-year term.

It was moved by Director Warmack and seconded by Director Hyde to nominate Director Massie to be considered by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors for the vacant Director Seat, to be sworn in at the December meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Snow Removal Contracts for Stations 61 and 62

This item was for informational purposes only. No action was taken. Chief Simons noted that Chief Smith is looking for a new snow removal contractor for Station 62. Rich Loverde's son will handle Station 61. President Miller suggested potential contractors for Station 62: David Likes, Best Shore, Junior's Snow Removal.

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

President Miller asked if anyone had any comments. No one had comments. This item will remain on the monthly agenda until the project is complete. The new version of the document clarifies "legal unification" instead of "consolidation" and includes a breakdown of responses by county.

F. Next Board Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be October 24th. The November meeting will be held on the 28th.

7. Chief's Reports

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



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- Tomorrow's LAFCO Workshop: Thank you for moving the board meeting so we can attend the LAFCO meeting tomorrow night. Travel details were discussed separately below.
- Busy months: Some of the Chiefs' reports are a combination of August and September.
- Last month's structure fire in Meeks Bay occurred just before last month's meeting
- Another structure fire occurred in a multi-unit residential structure on the West Shore. BC McNamara and his crew did a great job and kept the fire isolated to the room of origin.
- Red Flag Days: We pulled together a strike team of our own. BC Whisler was in charge and patrolled from Lake Valley to Donner Summit in addition to regular staffing. Fortunately, we didn't have to use them despite downed power lines starting a fire.
- Fire season is still on. The conditions are- dry, but days are getting shorter and nights are cooler. Until we receive a good soaking rain, we're concerned because usually high winds come before the rain.
- We sent an engine crew out 70 of the last 90 days; paramedics out the last 60 days; to fires as far away as Washington state. This would not be possible without crews who come in to cover when strike teams are out. These strike team events are great training for our crews.
- The new brush engine went into service last week. It replaced a unit that was over 26 years old. The old engine will be surplus to a fire department at Mono Lake.
- Joe Parle (the mechanic) has been busy at the shop. He just had a brand new baby, and he should have been off for paternity leave, but he came in to the shop to do maintenance on vehicles. Chris May helped greatly with getting the new engine ready. Captain Goldstone trained crews from each station on the new engine
- Chief Schwartz summarized his report. The chart from the North Sierra Energy Release Component composite index shows where you are in the fire season compared to last year. The graph shows that so far, we tracked a bit above last year. The fire season is not yet over. Conditions are ripe for a large fire. Peak season for structure fire goes into the winter when people fire up their wood stoves and fireplaces. He will be going to the Cal Chiefs' meeting after tomorrow's LAFCO meeting. Also, a warning about Prop 5, which will be on the November ballot. Realtors want to re-write Prop 13 to allow retirees who move up here to keep their previous property tax rate forever. This will reduce the amount of money we receive from property taxes.
- Staff and Chief Schwartz attended many homeowners' association meetings to provide education to communities.
- The Fire Prevention Bureau has seen the number of plan checks nearly double from last year. The turnaround time is affected by this surge, and people are in panic mode because the last day to dig is October 15. Prevention will prepare a flyer listing all of the steps when conducting plan reviews to educate those requesting permits. President Miller suggested Chief Schwartz put the information in his "Chief's Corner" article in the Sierra Sun.
- Forester Mike Vollmer is leaving us to go to work for the Nevada Division of Forestry. .
- We are currently recruiting for the following positions: Facilities Coordinator, Forest Fuels Coordinator, full-time, grant-funded Prevention Officer/Defensible Space Inspector/Plan Reviewer, and an Administrative/P.I.O.
- The Meeks Bay restoration project review is scheduled for October 10. Chief Simons and Chief Schwartz will attend the walk-through tour which starts at Meeks Bay Resort at 2 pm. MBR is warning neighbors about traffic and congestion due to the expected turnout to discuss the future plans of resort, forestry and restoration. Board concerns: How will it affect Station 61?
- Chief Simons summarized a couple of the Battalion Chiefs' reports.
 - BC Whisler's Report showed how the Meeks Bay trailer (that was received with a FEMA grant in 2004) has been transformed into a technical rescue equipment trailer and is being used for District equipment for the region (from Station 61 to Donner Summit). The trailer is parked at the Tahoe City station.
 - BC Smith's Report explained how we are trying to get projects done before it snows. This is very difficult without the Facilities Coordinator. A CERT member is temporarily helping complete projects until a new Facilities Coordinator is hired full time.



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- The NT Fire Auxiliary purchased the rights to show a film called "Wilder than Wild" to be used for public education.
- BC McNamara was present. There were no questions for him.

Director Warmack had a question regarding the recent earthquake. It was a 4.7 earthquake centered at Dollar Point. North Tahoe is in prime location for a tsunami if there's a large earthquake.

8. Information Items

- The Board and staff acknowledged Director Warmack's birthday.
- President Miller noted that a community member was hit by a car while riding his bike. He is home and doing better. He said the patient is very appreciative to the EMS services he received.
- President Miller suggested we need better contact with the DOT. Road closures are being done without permits and notification to the District. Chief Simons said that all District staff members are notified when we receive road closure information.
- The vacation home rental ordinance was being voted on yesterday, but no information is known as to whether it passed. If it passed, there may be a rush of inspections submitted to our Prevention staff or engine companies.
- A new underwater state park is opening in Emerald Bay on Friday. It will be the first underwater park and will showcase shipwrecks from the 1920's.
- LAFCO meeting tomorrow. Interested parties should meet at Station 61 at 2:30 to travel together.
- Report from Sustainable Community Advocates -The report was included in the board packet, and there was no discussion.

9. Closed Session

Open session closed at 4:50, and the Closed session began at 4:52 p.m.

Closed session ended at 5:45 p.m.

10. Action/Report on Closed Session

Discussion of items only. No action taken in Closed session.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Massie and seconded by Director Hyde to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly McElravey
Acting Clerk of the Board

Additional Attendees:

Fire Chief Michael Schwartz
Division Chief Steve Simons
Director of Finance and Administration Kim Eason
Battalion Chief Steve McNamara
Captain Gary Nelson
Firefighter Dustin Peters