



Meeks Bay Fire Protection District

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Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

January 20, 2021

Directors Present: Director 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 January was called to order at 3:32pm by President Miller.

2. Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Past Minutes

It was moved by Vice President Kromydas and seconded by Director Lemke to approve the Board Minutes dated December 16, 2020, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Financial

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

Future finance meetings will be starting at 3:15pm.

5. Public Input

There was none.

6. Business Requiring Action

A. Review of Candidate Application(s) and Possible Selection to Fill Board Vacancies

There were no candidate applications submitted. President Miller requested the other directors engage community members in conversation encouraging them be involved and the need to fill the vacant seats.

B. Public Hearing to Adopt Ordinance 21-1 Authorizing the Schedule of Cost Recovery Fees

Public Hearing was opened at 3:45pm

It was moved by Director Lemke and seconded by Vice President Kromydas to waive the reading and adopt Ordinance 21-1, authorizing the schedule of cost recovery fees as introduced at the



December 16, 2020, Board meeting and taking effect March 1, 2021. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Public Hearing was closed at 3:47pm

C. Adoption of Resolutions 2021-01 & 2021-02 In Appreciation of Captain Curtis Mulkey and Captain Mike Hacker

It was moved by Director Lemke and seconded by Vice President Kromydas to waive the reading and adopt Resolution 2021-01 in appreciation for Captain Mulkey's 11 years of service with the District. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

It was further moved by Vice President Kromydas and seconded by Director Lemke to waive the reading and adopt Resolution 2021-02 in appreciation for Captain Hacker's 27 years of service with the District. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

D. Long-term Planning with North Tahoe Fire

Chief Leighton informed the Board that staff invited Supervisor Sue Novasel and LAFCo Executive Director Jose Henriquez, and they plan to attend the February Board meeting. Executive Director Henriquez also invited South Fork Consulting Principal Amanda Ross, who is in the process of conducting the Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) studies for Meeks Bay Fire.

Whether or not to move forward with any type of consolidation will be Board-driven actions by both Boards. Novasel, Henriquez and Ross have been invited to attend the February meeting to assist with possible options for the future of Meeks Bay Fire.

President Miller understands that consolidation is inevitable, possibly in the next five or so years. Upon the retirement of Office Manager Crawford, there will no longer be any Meeks Bay Fire personnel. It is incumbent upon the district to work with LAFCo to decide what the future of the district will be.

President Miller encouraged the other directors to have questions for Supervisor Novasel and Executive Director Henriquez. Some questions brought up were:

- Will the MSR still be valid?
- Are board seats with North Tahoe Fire guaranteed to be available for Tahoma/Meeks Bay area representative(s)?

Chief McNamara explained that a Plan for Services document would be prepared, which ensures that services can/will be provided, board seats will be available and that both districts, although consolidated, would fiscally contribute equitably. Although both El Dorado and Placer County LAFCOs will be involved, Placer County will probably be taking the lead.



President Miller would like to know what is behind El Dorado County's desire for districts to consolidate. How does it benefit the county and what are the benefits to the districts?

E. AB 1234 Mandatory Ethics Training Requirements: Notice of Options

Staff presented Directors with ethics training requirements and options, in addition to information sent to them last week.

F. Next Board Meeting Dates

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

7. Chief's Reports

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

- S Review of the directives and policies which were put in place from the beginning of understanding the COVID-19 pandemic.
- S 87% of staff have registered and received their first vaccination; and some have received their second.
- S Firefighter/Paramedic Lockhart volunteered and accepted an assignment to Loma Linda, assisting with COVID patients and has been requested for an additional seven days.
- S Staff will be assisting with vaccinations at Sierra College for community members over 65. Currently this is only being offered to Nevada and Placer county residents. Staff will be researching the possibility of El Dorado and Washoe county residents also receiving vaccinations at Sierra College.
- S Last year 375 defensible space inspections were performed in the Tahoma/Meeks Bay area
- S There were a total of 298 calls last year in Tahoma/Meeks Bay area - slowest spring and busiest summer.
- S Chief Leighton was appointed Acting Fire Chief last Friday by Chief Schwartz. North Tahoe Fire Board of Directors will be acting on a resolution at the next North Tahoe board meeting to ratify the appointment.
- S Firefighters Michael Sacci and Julien Lecorps have been promoted to Engineer.
- S Fire Recruits will be graduating this Friday (01/22).

McNamara:

- S Prevention 2020: 4794 activities:
 - S 625 plan reviews
 - S 141 pre-development meetings
 - S 1198 fire & life safety inspections
 - S 200 El Dorado County VHR inspections
 - S 226 Placer County STR inspections
 - S 2404 defensible space inspections - 375 in Tahoma/Meeks Bay area
- S Ramon Manzano will be reporting next month on the vhr program.
- S Staff is in the process of putting together a checklist for the different types of plan reviews in an attempt to streamline the process for the customers.
- S With assistance from Chief Leighton and Battalion Chief Whisler, prevention staff had the opportunity to participate in the burn building in Carson City.



8. Information Items

- S Report from Sustainable Community Advocates.
- S President Miller attended the Meeks Bay Restoration project and was able to voice the fire district's support of a pier planned at Meeks Bay Resort
- S Former Director Hyde said "hello" through President Miller

9. 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 5:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn R. Crawford
Clerk of the Board

Staff Attendees:

Fire Chief Steve Leighton
Division Chief Steve McNamara
Director of Finance Kim Eason
Clerk of the Board Shawn Crawford

Additional Attendees:

Ellie Beals