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Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes
May 20, 2020

Directors Present: Director Beals, Vice President Hyde, 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 May was called to order at 3:30 by President Miller.

2. Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Past Minutes

It was moved by Director Beals and seconded by Director Hyde to approve the Board Minutes dated April 15, 2020, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Financial

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

5. Public Input

There was none.

6. Business Requiring Action

A. Adoption of Resolution 2020-04, Authorizing Emergency Spending Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

It was moved by Director Lemke and seconded by Director Kromydas to waive the reading and adopt Resolution 2020-04, authorizing emergency spending due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Meeks Bay Fire Chief Designation

Due to the current circumstances with COVID-19, no changes will be made at this time. No action was taken.

Chief Schwartz informed the directors that they, as the Meeks Bay Fire Board, would be playing a role in selecting his successor.



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

This item will now be placed on the agenda on a quarterly basis.

LAFCO is looking at creating incentives for multi-county, special district consolidations by eliminating or reducing the ERAF and allowing districts to retain more of their tax dollars.

D. Next Board Meeting Dates

The next meetings of the Board of Directors will be June 17th and July 15th.

7. Chief's Reports

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

- S This winter is being compared to the winter of 2018, which does not bode well due to the fire season activity of 2018;
- S Anticipating a warming trend and thunderstorms in June;
- S COVID-19 has added an additional challenge to firefighting;
- S Cal Fire is back in the basin;
- S North Lake Tahoe Fire (Incline) is moving their dispatch service to Grass Valley;
- S USFS will be staying in station 43 and no longer needs the use of station 68;
- S North Tahoe Fire received the bankruptcy check from Firesafe Council and Meeks Bay Fire should be receiving theirs any day;
- S Consumer Price Index (CPI) is really low so the budget will probably reflect that;
- S Most training has been done virtually, but some has been accomplished live with the use of proper PPE;
- S Realtors are moving forward with Prop 13 legacy rates, allowing homeowners to retain their tax rate when moving from one county to another. There could be a trailer bill attached which would ensure that fire district budgets are diminished;

McNamara

- S Chipping and defensible space inspections are moving forward. Tahoma and Glenridge will be targeted for defensible space compliance;
- S In the process of hiring three new defensible space inspectors (one full-time and two seasonals)
- S Microsoft Bookings is a new app that prevention will be using to schedule the various inspections, It will not be used for chipping requests this year, but may be used next year;
- S This is the tenth year of SNPLMA grants being used for chipping and defensible space inspections;
- S All plans are now being done utilizing digital plan review. Prevention is no longer accepting paper plans;
- S El Dorado County code has strong requirements regarding private fireworks displays which require authorization from the Board of Supervisors;

Leighton

- S Three new lateral firefighter/paramedics are on line, coming from Escondido, Garden Valley and Hawaii;
- S Apparatus are in great shape and Mechanic Joe Parle is doing a great job;



- S Working with Cal Fire and OES, discussing how to proceed on fire lines during the COVID-19 pandemic; one option is to set up spike camps in lieu of one large fire camp
- S June, July and August have a high potential for fire and property loss
- S There have been 81,795 confirmed COVID cases in California; we will need to be very cautious when returning to “normal”
- S A response plan has been prepared by the Operations team explaining what emergency responders can expect, going from first alarm through additional alarms;
- S Lessons learned from the recent LA fire is that, although 12 firefighters were injured, their PPE was attributed to saving their lives;

Holland

- S Thanked both agencies and boards for the opportunity to work the detail at Nevada OES during the initial response to COVID-19. It was an invaluable learning experience;
- S Looking at ways to reach out to our community and neighborhoods during COVID-19. One idea is to work on a fire season 2020 outlook video that can then lead into a panel discussion;
- S Still working toward more fire adapted communities;

8. Information Items

- S Report from Sustainable Community Advocates
- S North Tahoe Visitor Center will be opening up on Friday (5/22), with a minimum of ten patrons in the store at a time;
- S President Miller shared a video of Engine 67 participating in a birthday drive by for Kyle Adams (cancer survivor) and added he is very proud of the staff of the districts.

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 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn R. Crawford
Clerk of the Board

Staff Attendees:

Fire Chief Michael Schwartz
Division Chief Steve Leighton
Division Chief Steve McNamara
Clerk of the Board Shawn Crawford
PIO Erin Holland