

Meeks Bay Fire Protection District



**Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, August 16, 2023 ❖ 3:30 p.m.**

Minutes

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Edward I. Miller
Korie Kromydas
Louie Fielding
Bob Millslagle

Directors Present: Director Fielding, Vice President Kromydas, President Miller, and Director Millslagle a quorum is established.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors for the month of August was called to order at 3:37 p.m. by President Miller.

2. Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

There were no additions or changes to the agenda. There was no public comment.

It was moved by Director Fielding and seconded by Director Kromydas to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Approval of Past Minutes

There were no additions or changes to the minutes from the June 28, 2023 meeting. There was no public comment.

It was moved by Director Millslagle and seconded by Director Fielding to approve the Board Minutes dated June 28, 2023, as submitted and posted. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Financial

There was a discussion between Board and staff.

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

roll call vote.

5. **Public Input**

There was none.

6. **Business Requiring Action**

A. **Present Approved Resolution 2023-07 to the Meeks Bay Fire Ladies Auxiliary**

The Meeks Bay Fire Ladies Auxiliary has been an integral part of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District for decades spending countless hours on fundraising and generously donating those funds to help support the District to purchase much-needed equipment. On June 28, 2023, the Board adopted Resolution 2023-07 to reflect the Board's gratitude for



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the Meeks Bay Fire Ladies Auxiliary to the district and the community. At this meeting, the Board read and presented Carol Endicott, Meeks Bay Fire Ladies Auxiliary President, with the approved and signed Resolution 2023-07. The Board and Carol took a quick break from the meeting to see the progress of the bathroom remodel.

This was information only. No Board action was required. There was no public comment.

B. **Future Planning with North Tahoe Fire**

Chief Leighton presented this item to the Board. After submitting the response letters in mid-July answering the questions posed in a letter that CAO Tiffany Schmid had sent on July 5, 2023, the Board members and staff had not received acknowledgment back. Chief Leighton was told that the El Dorado County staff involved in the annexation process met on August 7th to discuss the response letters sent to CAO Schmid, et al. On August 10th, CAO Schmid sent Chief Leighton and Placer LAFCO's Michelle McIntyre a letter responding to President Miller's letter that was sent on July 17th. In her letter, CAO Schmid wrote that after meeting with counsel, they believe their next steps should be to adopt an Increment Resolution as stated in the letter that was sent to all the agencies on November 21, 2022. CAO Schmid continued by writing that it is planned to bring this Resolution to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors on August 29th and she would like to schedule a meeting with Chief Leighton and his staff to discuss the next steps in this process either in person or virtually. Chief Leighton and Michelle McIntyre had not yet responded.

President Miller contacted Supervisor Laine regarding not receiving any response to his letter to CAO Schmid. He did not know that CAO Schmid had sent a response letter to Chief Leighton and Michelle McIntyre. Supervisor Laine forwarded CAO Schmid's letter to President Miller to look at. This prompted President Miller to write to CAO Schmid on August 15th to formally request that he be included in all future correspondence regarding the annexation of Meeks Bay Fire Protection District by North Tahoe Fire Protection District.

Additionally, President Miller expressed his disappointment for not being included in CAO Schmid's response that was sent on August 10th especially since she responded to the letter that was signed by him, so it should have been addressed to him. He finished his letter by stating that there needs to be a meeting to help move this process forward. Today, Chief Leighton called CAO Schmid and said they need to sit down sooner rather than later. CAO Schmid said that she will have one of her staff members reach out to schedule a meeting in the next couple of weeks.

The Board wants to schedule an in-person meeting with CAO Schmid and her staff to discuss the next steps moving forward and to have them see what our District has to offer with at least one Board member to attend. Director Fielding said that he would like to attend one of the Board of Supervisors meetings.



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This was information only. No Board action was required. There was no public comment.

C. Next Board Meeting Dates

- September 27, 2023 – regular Board meeting
- October 18, 2023 – regular Board meeting

This was information only. No Board action was required. There was no public comment.

7. Chief's Report

Chief Leighton updated the Board on activities since the last meeting. Items of particular interest include:

- There were 37 calls last month;
- The buzzword right now is evacuations, especially with the Maui fires.
- Tomorrow there is the Evacuation Planning Meeting for the public at the North Tahoe Events Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. spearheaded by Placer County Fire, CAL FIRE, Placer OES, and the Sheriff's department. We were not included as an organization for this meeting, however, the District was invited last minute via email to participate as a member of the panel.
- Chief Armstrong gave the Board a brief description of the electric boat fire that happened at High and Dry Marina over the weekend.

8. Information Items

- The report from Sustainable Community Advocates for the months of June and July was included in the Board packet. Director Fielding said that Tahoe Cedars water system is failing and needs to be rebuilt for around \$40 million, and there is a Proposition out there where they want to charge the residents of that zone for this rebuild. Director Feilding has noticed in the Sustainable Community Advocate reports there are grants for water system construction and fire suppression. He wanted to see if the Fire District would be able to help the PUD with applying for

those grants. Chief Leighton said that we are collaborating with the PUD and Chief Armstrong said that we would be happy to partner where we can.

- Chief Leighton touched on the issue regarding VHR and STR inspections. El Dorado County passed an Ordinance that each VHR needs to pass a Fire and Life Safety and a Defensible Space Inspection within three years to be able to get another permit. El Dorado County has a good system that helps the inspectors with timeframes to get these inspections done. However, Placer County does not have a good system and they are trying to change the process for how the STR program is organized.

9. Adjournment



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There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Kromydas and seconded by Director Fielding to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Daniels
Clerk of the Board

Staff Attendees:

Fire Chief Steve Leighton
Division Chief Brent Armstrong
Director of Finance and Administration Kim Eason
Captain/Paramedic Scott Worl
Clerk of the Board Melissa Daniels

Additional Attendees:

Carol Endicott