

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

TUESDAY

9:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 19, 2000

PRESENT:

Ted Short, Chairman
Jim Shaw, Vice Chairman
Joanne Bond, Commissioner
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

Marty Scheuerman, Operations Chief
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel
Amy Harvey, County Clerk

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that the agenda for the December 19, 2000 meeting be approved.

MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 2000 be approved.

00-50F OPERATIONS REPORT

Chief Scheuerman noted that attached to the Operations Report is the report of prevention activities and inspections.

Commissioner Galloway discussed a property on Sun Valley Boulevard where some weed abatement was done and stated the property owner reported to him that adjoining properties are just as hazardous. He requested that this be inspected again and appropriate action be taken.

Chief Scheuerman suggested a future agenda or workshop item on weed abatement because multiple agencies are involved.

Commissioner Galloway stated he did not intend to make this a much larger issue and requested a written response on just the particular incident as to why one property would be abated and not others.

The Chief then discussed the on-going reorganization of engine companies due to the consolidation. Following further discussion, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that receipt of the Operations Report be acknowledged.

00-51F REPORT ON VOLUNTEER/AUXILIARY OPERATIONS

Commissioner Sferrazza brought up an issue of incorrect run cards and requested that someone talk to the Dispatcher who reported this to him. Chief Scheuerman stated he has talked to Deputy Chief Johns about this and Chief Johns has requested to be on next month's agenda to give the Board an overview of Dispatch. He also stated that issues with run cards are being dealt with as they occur. Commissioner Sferrazza reported that this particular Dispatcher watched the last Board meeting on television and called him because she strongly disagreed with what was said. She also reported to him that as a result of that incident, they checked the run cards and found 50 of them to be wrong. Chief Scheuerman stated he would talk to the Dispatcher.

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that receipt of the report be acknowledged.

**00-52F DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 30, 2000 JOINT
FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that the discussion concerning the November 30, 2000, Joint Fire Advisory Board meeting be continued as the minutes of that meeting were not available.

00-53F VOLUNTEER/AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

Terry Donahue, Chief, Brown-Huffaker Volunteers, stated problems with Dispatch have been on-going for the 13 years he has been involved and they will probably not go away because things are always coming up. He added that Chief Scheuerman is staying on top of it at his request.

**00-54F INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – WASHOE COUNTY & WASHOE
COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT – BROKER SELECTION AND
PURCHASE OF INSURANCE**

Commissioner Sferrazza asked why the City of Reno is not providing this insurance. Chief Scheuerman stated Reno is providing the insurance for the employees

except for the workman's compensation insurance. He explained this is being held separately and paid from the District's budget because that was the only way to insure the volunteers. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning how this was figured in determining payments to Reno and Commissioner Sferrazza stated he wanted to be sure the District was not paying for this insurance twice.

Upon recommendation of Ray Sibley, Washoe County Risk Manager, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that an Interlocal Agreement between the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Washoe County, and the Washoe County School District, concerning joint participation in a broker selection process and jointly purchasing insurance, be approved and the Risk Manager be authorized to execute on behalf of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sam Dehne, a Reno citizen, discussed his lawsuit against the Airport Authority.

COMMISSIONER' COMMENTS

Commissioner Galloway stated he appreciates Chief Donahue's comments about Dispatch, but he feels this is an area that will require constant monitoring. He said there have been times when dispatch difficulties have reached truly unacceptable levels.

Chairman Short stated everyone has high hopes that the situation will be much better when everything is in the Emergency Operations Center.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

TED SHORT, Chairman
Truckee Meadows Fire
Protection District

ATTEST: **AMY HARVEY**, County Clerk

*Minutes Prepared By
Sharon Gotchy, Deputy County Clerk*

