

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

TUESDAY

1:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 18, 2003

PRESENT:

David Humke, Chairman
Jim Shaw, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner *
Bonnie Weber, Commissioner

Marty Scheuerman, Chief of Operations
Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Leslie Admirand, Legal Counsel

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:

03-52F AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza temporarily absent, Chairman Humke ordered that the agenda for the November 18, 2003 meeting be approved.

03-53F MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza temporarily absent, Chairman Humke ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2003 be approved.

03-54F MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - OCTOBER 2003

Commissioner Galloway requested a brief report concerning local fire crews assisting with the recent huge wildland fires in southern California. Chief Marty Scheuerman stated several strike teams from northern Nevada, including personnel and equipment from the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, Storey County, Carson City, the Nevada Air Guard, and the East Fork Fire Protection District (Lyon County). He stated the Cedar Fire, where all the Nevada crews went, was 280,278 acres, the largest single wildland fire in history in California.

* **1:50 p.m.** Commissioner Sferrazza arrived at the meeting.

Chief Scheuerman further reported they were there seven days and worked every day with no injuries and had no problems with any of the equipment. He stated there are some good lessons to be learned from this fire.

Chief Linardos, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, stated the California fires were very devastating. He said such a fire could occur in this area, and he would like everyone to consider how to prevent fires by doing the right kind of fields management work.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Humke ordered that the Operations Report for October 2003 be accepted.

03-55F AUXILIARY/VOLUNTEER REPORT - OCTOBER 2003

Commissioner Weber expressed her appreciation and support for the volunteer firefighters. She also requested the Board be advised of all the meetings concerning the volunteer departments. Following discussion, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Humke ordered that the Auxiliary/Volunteer Report for October 2003 be accepted.

03-56F AUDIT - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003

Chief Marty Scheuerman advised the District's financial statements for fiscal year 2002-2003 have been audited by Kafoury, Armstrong and Company, and there were no weaknesses or issues found. On motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Humke ordered that the District's audited financial statements for fiscal year 2002-2003 be accepted.

03-57F COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT - RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONIES AND ASSOCIATED LANDS

Upon recommendation of Chief Marty Scheuerman, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Cooperative Agreement between the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and the City of Reno/Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, concerning the provision of fire protection services by the City and District to the Reno-Sparks Indian Colonies and associated lands, be approved and Chairman Humke be authorized to execute the same.

COMMISSIONERS'/CHIEFS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Galloway requested an item on the December agenda so the Board can have a broad discussion on fire prevention and firefighting.

Chairman Humke expressed his appreciation for the volunteer firefighters and stated they are very important to his District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sam Dehne, Reno citizen, objected to the City of Reno charging \$10.00 per car to drive through Idlewild Park to see the Christmas lights.

Al Hesson, Reno citizen, stated he objects to the ending signal on the three-minute clock. He also stated there should be a clock visible to the speakers so they know when their time is running out.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County citizen, agreed the speakers should be able to see the three-minute clock.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

DAVID E. HUMKE, Chairman
Truckee Meadows Fire
Protection District

ATTEST:

AMY HARVEY, Washoe County Clerk
and Ex Officio Clerk, Truckee Meadows
Fire Protection District

*Minutes Prepared by
Sharon Gotchy
Deputy County Clerk*