

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

MAY 18, 2004

PRESENT:

Jim Shaw, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
David Humke, Commissioner (via teleconference)
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

Nancy Parent, Deputy County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel
Marty Scheuerman, Chief of Operations

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:

04-30F AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the agenda for the May 18, 2004 meeting be approved.

04-31F MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - APRIL 2004

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Monthly Operations Report for April 2004 be accepted.

04-32F AUXILIARY/VOLUNTEER REPORT – APRIL 2004

Chief Marty Scheuerman reported the new volunteer brush trucks were approved and ordered. He said the efforts for improvements are continuing in regard to the volunteers.

Commissioner Weber requested a report on the Lemmon Valley Volunteer station. Chief Scheuerman said he would put together a full report for the District meeting in June.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Auxiliary/Volunteer Report for April 2004 be accepted.

COMMISSIONERS'/CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Scheuerman said the District is without heavy air tankers this year. He noted the District is working through the Congressional delegation to station a large Type-I helicopter in the area.

Commissioner Galloway requested a status report on a bill California Congressman Gallingly presented that would have lifted the prohibition that every aircraft has to be exhausted before military aircraft could be used to fight a fire. He said he would like a status report on that legislation and also to find out if it could be broadened to make available Federal military aircraft in case Nevada has a major fire, as California did.

Chief Scheuerman said he was still gathering information about the bill and would present a report at the June meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sam Dehne, local citizen, discussed his knowledge about government, the Open Meeting Law, and the time clock at the meetings. He said air help is needed in fighting fires because all C130's have been grounded.

Al Hesson commented on an article in the *Time* magazine. He said it was the moment of truth for President Bush to see if he can lead America out of Iraq. He recognized the 783 lives that have been lost in the war and said these lives need to be acknowledged.

Commissioner Sferrazza noted a public comment by Ed Sanchez, Spanish Springs resident, who spoke about the positive aspects of the Spanish Springs airport.

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

JAMES M. SHAW, Chairman
Truckee Meadows Fire
Protection District

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by
Lori Rowe, Deputy County Clerk*