

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

TUESDAY

4:15 P.M.

JANUARY 10, 2006

PRESENT:

**Bob Larkin, Chairman**  
**Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman**  
**Jim Galloway, Commissioner**  
**Dave Humke, Commissioner**  
**Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner**

**Amy Harvey, County Clerk**  
**Michele Poché, Assistant County Manager**  
**Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel**  
**Roy Slate, Reno Fire Department Division Chief**

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:

**06-01F      AGENDA**

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the agenda for the January 10, 2006 meeting be approved.

**06-02F      MINUTES**

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2005 be approved.

**06-03F      PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sam Dehne, local resident, said he agreed with everything Mr. Schmidt had said earlier today despite the Board's cowardly retorts towards Mr. Schmidt after he left the podium. He said the Board was a bunch of cowards that were afraid of Mr. Schmidt. He stated it only took two hours for Chairman Larkin to prove he did not deserve to be on the Commission let alone running it. He felt the block vote concept stunk because the agenda was voted on and then halfway through the meeting something called a block vote was brought up that was never discussed. He asked how this could be legal.

Gary Schmidt, local resident, said he very seldom spoke under this public comment on an item that was not related to this Board. He said Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel had provided him with an e-mail from Chairman Larkin. He reminded Chairman Larkin that he had requested every document in advance that was going to be reviewed or considered in any manner for all agenda items. He said the failure to provide this was a blatant Open Meeting Law violation, and the Board would be held accountable for it.

**06-04F            REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE – VOLUNTEER/AUXILIARY REPORTS**  
**– DECEMBER 2005**

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Volunteer/Auxiliary Reports for December 2005 be accepted.

**06-05F            STATUS REPORT – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS –**  
**COLD SPRINGS, SILVER LAKE, LEMMON VALLEY**  
**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT STATIONS**

Roger Van Alyne, Deputy Public Works Director, said a communication was received from the metal building supplier that the Silver Lakes project building was purchased from indicating the structural calculations would be completed by February 17th. He said that information would allow staff to go to the Building Department to get the plans reviewed so the project could be advertised by very early March.

Commissioner Galloway asked how the supplier knew they would be done by February 17th. Mr. Van Alyne said that was their commitment, and everyone would have to wait and see if they met it. Commissioner Galloway asked if certain things in progress should be exempted the next time a building code was adopted. Mr. Van Alyne said that should be asked of the Building and Safety Department. Commissioner Galloway said he was requesting on the record that an adoption would be effective except for certain active Capital Improvement Projects (CIP's). He said if that had been done, this whole thing could have been avoided.

Commissioner Weber said these projects had been in the works for the three years she had been a Commissioner, and had been initiated by former County Commissioner, Joanne Bond. She asked for help in getting these projects done.

Chief Slate discussed the construction costs and property issues that had impeded progress but stated progress was being made on each of the projects.

Commissioner Galloway said Architects + LLC was awarded the Cold Springs Volunteer Fire Station design contract in July 2005, and he wanted to know when they were to deliver the design.

Mr. Van Alyne said they were well into the design phase, and he felt the project was in good shape, especially being only seven months out from the award of the

design contract and the special use permit process taking several months. He stated the Cold Springs project was the newest and it was moving along at the best pace. He said the land ownership needed to be worked out before commencing the design phase of the Lemmon Valley project so money was not wasted.

Commissioner Weber requested that a regular monthly update be provided to the volunteer fire departments. Chief Slate replied the monthly staff report would be improved to provide more detail on the CIP's, because that report goes to all of the volunteer fire departments.

Upon recommendation of Chief Slate, through Paul Wagner, Fire Chief, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the status report of the Capital Improvement Projects for the Cold Springs, Silver Lake, and Lemmon Valley Volunteer Fire Department Stations be accepted.

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

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**BOB LARKIN**, Chairman  
Truckee Meadows Fire  
Protection District

**ATTEST:**

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

*Minutes Prepared By  
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Deputy County Clerk*