

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

TUESDAY

4:15 P.M.

AUGUST 8, 2006

PRESENT:

Bob Larkin, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
David Humke, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel
Tim Alameda, Division Chief

ABSENT:

Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

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:

06-38F AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that the agenda for the August 8, 2006 meeting be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no response to the call for public comment.

COMMISSIONERS'/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Galloway inquired if a Bombardier airplane, to be based in Northern Nevada as a shared item for firefighting in the urban wildland interface, could be possible through pending legislation.

Chairman Larkin requested an update on rural versus city fire protection concerning firefighting tactics and if there would be any policy implications.

Commissioner Weber said she attended the volunteers general meeting and the Joint Fire Advisory Board (JFAB) meeting, and she stated communication was needed between the volunteers and the commissioned officers. She requested a meeting between the Board, the Reno City Council, the volunteers, and the District to establish a

working relationship. Commissioner Weber thanked Division Chief Tim Alameda for attending the meetings and being supportive. She said she would like to be considered to serve on the JFAB.

Commissioner Humke said morale was low within the volunteer corp. He stated calls were not being dispatched to the volunteers and that needed to be corrected.

06-39F **MINUTES**

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2006 be approved.

06-40F **VOLUNTEER/AUXILIARY REPORT - JULY 2006**

Commissioner Weber said the report was dated July 24th; however, it did not include conversations held during recent meetings. She said nothing was noted about the Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department having open bids.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Tim Alameda, Division Chief, explained, when an apparatus went in for service, a safety check would also be included. He added a piece of equipment deemed unsafe would not be put back on the road. Commissioner Galloway suggested working with Paul Hefner, Fire Coordinator, as a liaison to devise a plan for equipment function so these issues did not happen unexpectedly. Chief Alameda agreed. Commissioner Galloway also acknowledged that the Board should be included in the decision to remove equipment because it belonged to the District.

Commissioner Weber said many concerns were addressed at the Joint Fire Advisory Board (JFAB) meeting including volunteer departments having their equipment removed and not being replaced. She stated a lack of communication was discovered. Chief Alameda explained that the fire stations in question had three pieces of equipment.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, explained County vehicles have a replacement and maintenance schedule, which also needed to be put in place for the volunteer equipment. She said discussion had been held to develop a process for the plan suggested by Commissioner Galloway. Ms. Singlaub added a policy was in place for surplus equipment. She noted often times the volunteers would be the recipients of the surplus equipment.

Following further discussion, the District's volunteer and auxiliary reports for the month of July 2006 were acknowledged. Chairman Larkin noted this was a non-action item, so no motion was put forth.

4:45 p.m. Commissioner Weber left.

06-41F

AWARD OF BASE BID AND ALTERNATE ONE - COLD SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION ADDITION

This was the time to consider award of the base bid and alternate one for construction of an addition to the Cold Springs Volunteer Fire Station. The Notice to Bidders for receipt of sealed bids was published in the *Reno Gazette-Journal* on June 28 and July 5, 2006. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Roger Van Alyne, Public Works Deputy Director, noted the Engineers estimate was \$250,000. He said the base bid was approximately 15 percent over that estimate.

Bids were received from the following vendors:

- Reyman Bros. Construction
- Gill Construction
- DML Construction

Upon recommendation of David Solaro, Capital Projects Division Director, through Tom Gadd, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioners Weber and Sferrazza absent, it was ordered that base bid No. PWP-WA-2006-202 and alternate one for construction of an addition to the Cold Springs Volunteer Fire Station be awarded to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Gill Construction, in the amount of \$318,788. It was further ordered that Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the contract documents upon presentation.

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

ROBERT M. LARKIN, Chairman
Truckee Meadows Fire
Protection District

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared By
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