

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

TUESDAY

4:15 P.M.

OCTOBER 14, 2008

PRESENT:

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

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Simon, County Manager
Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel
Marty Scheuerman, Division Chief

ABSENT:

Kitty Jung, Commissioner

The Board convened at 4:31 p.m. in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

08-59F AGENDA ITEM 2

Agenda Subject: “Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to two minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The District will also hear public comment during individual action items, with a comment limited to two minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the District as a whole.”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

08-60F AGENDA ITEM 3A

Agenda Subject: “Approval of June 17, and July 22, 2008 meeting minutes.”

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Chairman Larkin, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 3A be approved.

08-61F AGENDA ITEM 3B

Agenda Subject: “Review and acceptance of volunteer/auxiliary report for July 2008. (Including monthly operations report of Volunteer Fire Departments indicating response data, training activities/apparatus updates, administrative, radio communication and dispatch issues etc.)”

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Chairman Larkin, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 3B be approved.

08-62F AGENDA ITEM 4

Agenda Subject: “Presentation of the current status of the Wildland Season to date including responses, fire danger, mitigation projects and current status.”

Marty Scheuerman, Division Chief, conducted a PowerPoint presentation, which was placed on file with the Clerk, highlighting current Washoe County resources, 2008 fire activity in Washoe County, current agreements, future costs, helicopter costs, cost per acre to suppress wildfires, cost per acre for fuel mitigation, protection for the future, prevention and mitigation strategies, and preparing for the next fire season.

Commissioner Galloway asked if the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was attempting to standardize the types of aircrafts for firefighting. Chief Scheuerman replied the Type I and II air tankers were national resources and could be located anywhere at any given time making it difficult to count on them for the bulk of the fire season. He explained the available aircrafts would be single-engine air tankers that would be applied in the most effective manner. Commissioner Galloway asked how the interface could be defined. Chief Scheuerman remarked staff used a community wildfire protection plan that was evaluated on an annual basis. He said that plan had been updated to minimize some areas and expand other areas having new construction. Commissioner Galloway asked if the County was proceeding with the recommended Code revisions for those areas beyond the Uniform Building Code. Chief Scheuerman explained staff was in the process of redoing the Code, but being cognizant of what existed and what was appropriate, then moving beyond that with education. He commented because of limited manpower and funding, a complaint driven approach was being taken and also making the standards public and placed upon the homeowners to implement. He stated the insurance companies also needed to be engaged.

There was no action taken on this item.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

08-63F AGENDA ITEM 5

Agenda Subject: “Verbal report of the status of current Capitol Projects under construction Stations 15 and 23 additions.”

Marty Scheuerman, Division Chief, updated the Board on the status of Stations 15 and 23 and noted the Lemmon Valley Station was spectacular.

08-64F AGENDA ITEM 6

Agenda Subject: “Commissioners’/Manager’s Announcements, Requests for Information, Topics for Future Agendas and Statements Relating to Items Not on the Agenda. (No Discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)”

There were no Commissioner comments.

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4: 45 p.m. On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Jung absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that the meeting be 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

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