

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JUNE 23, 2009

PRESENT:

**David Humke, Chairman**  
**Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairperson**  
**Kitty Jung, Commissioner**  
**John Breternitz, Commissioner**

**Amy Harvey, County Clerk**  
**Dave Childs, Acting County Manager**  
**Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel**  
**Curtis Johnson, Division Chief**

ABSENT:

**Robert Larkin, Commissioner**

The Board convened at 4:03 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:

**09-28F      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 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.

**09-29F      AGENDA ITEM 3A**

**Agenda Subject:** “Review and acceptance of volunteer/auxiliary report for May 2009, (including monthly operations report of Volunteer Fire Departments indicating response data, training activities/apparatus updates, administrative, radio communication and dispatch issues etc.).”

Commissioner Weber thanked the volunteers for doing a great job in getting their reports turned in.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Breternitz, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Larkin absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 3A be accepted.

**09-30F            AGENDA ITEM 3B**

**Agenda Subject:** “Approval of January 27, 2009 and March 3, 2009 meeting minutes.”

There was no public comment on this item.

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

**09-31F            AGENDA ITEM 4**

**Agenda Subject:** “Authorize the Finance Director, as the Acting Risk Manager, to renew the property and liability insurance policy for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District with the Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool, effective July 1, 2009, for an annual premium of \$143,378.83.”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Larkin absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 4 be authorized.

**09-32F            AGENDA ITEM 5**

**Agenda Subject:** “Verbal report and update of Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District’s support and readiness for the RAVEN 3 firefighting helicopter program.”

Division Chief Curtis Johnson indicated the helicopter was up and flying, but no calls had been received yet. He stated two helicopter managers from the Reno Fire Department’s staff had been selected and were undergoing training with the pilots. He noted operational training among the career and volunteer personnel was about 80 percent complete. He said the next wave of training would involve teaching command officers to activate the helicopter and handle communications. He estimated the RAVEN 3 would be 100 percent operational in about two to three weeks. He added federal certification from the Bureau of Land Management was expected in about two weeks.

Chairman Humke asked whether there was an inventory of water sources the helicopter had permission to use while fighting fires. Chief Johnson replied some locations had been identified, but the complete inventory was a work in progress. He stated the helicopter manager was somewhat responsible for getting permission on the

ground, but it was better to preplan. He explained the helicopter was very versatile and its suction device could draw water from portable tender vehicle tanks on the ground.

There was no public comment on this item.

There was no action taken on this item.

**09-33F      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.)”**

Commissioner Weber talked about a recent meeting of the Joint Fire Advisory Board, where a joint presentation was conducted by the Sierra Fire Protection District (SFPD) and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) concerning the Arrowcreek Fire Station. She stated a dedication of the new Lemmon Valley Volunteer Fire Station had been attended by 60 to 70 people. She commended the TMFPD for their outstanding work in moving the project forward. She noted Tim Wilson, the first Chief of the TMFPD who started the volunteer fire department about 50 years ago, was at the event. Commissioner Weber requested an agenda item for the Lemmon Valley Volunteer Station, and asked the Community Relations Department to work with former Chief Wilson on making his historical information available to the community.

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**4:15 p.m.** On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Larkin absent, the meeting was adjourned.

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**DAVID E. HUMKE**, 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: Lisa McNeill, Deputy County Clerk*