

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

TUESDAY

11:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 14, 2012

PRESENT:

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

Nancy Parent, Chief Deputy Clerk
Katy Simon, County Manager
Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel
Michael Hernandez, Fire Chief

The Board convened at 11:27 a.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:

12-20F 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.

12-21F AGENDA ITEM 4

Agenda Subject: “Commissioners’/Manager’s Announcements, requests for information and identification of topics for future agendas. (No discussion among Commissioners or action will take place on this item.)”

Commissioner Humke spoke on the successful evacuations that happened during the recent Washoe Fire and felt those evacuation plans should be replicated throughout the County. He recognized and thanked Helen Brooks, Rockin’ LJ Arena Ranch Manager, from Washoe Valley who entered the active fire area to rescue horses and livestock for many grateful residents.

Commissioner Weber announced that she attended a Volunteer Fire Chiefs meeting where discussion occurred about the submission of the monthly volunteer reports. She encouraged the effort to submit timely reports to the Board and also

encouraged the Chiefs to ensure that due diligence was completed for those reports to be submitted timely.

Fire Chief Michael Hernandez indicated that the report for the Washoe Fire was being finalized. In an effort to increase the outreach to the volunteer organizations, he said Division Chief Sandy Munz had been assigned to ensure that the needs of the volunteers would be addressed, such as receiving their reports and facilitating their minimum training requirements. Chief Hernandez complimented the many agencies, responders and communities who came together during the two recent wildfires and praised all for their combined efforts.

Commissioner Weber said she was proud of Chief Hernandez and stated that he was a true leader. Chief Hernandez said it was the “boots on the ground” that completed the job and commended everyone who was part of that process.

Commissioner Jung inquired if accident or injury reports were included within the Volunteer Reports and, if there was a process in place that informed officials of any accidents or injuries. Chief Hernandez replied that a process would be developed to have those incidents become part of the report.

Katy Simon, County Manager, invited Sierra Fire Protection District (SFPD) Captain Mark Regan forward to offer any remarks. Captain Regan acknowledged that he recently accepted a position with the North Lake Fire Protection District. However, he would still be involved with the County and the SFPD. He stated that he was proud of the SFPD employees and the support from the residents. Captain Regan thanked the Board for their support that was given to the programs he was allowed to develop for the SFPD.

12-22F AGENDA ITEM 3

Agenda Subject: “Possible Closed Session pursuant to NRS 288.220 for the purpose of discussing with management representatives labor matters associated with delivery of new fire services by July 1, 2012.”

11:40 a.m. On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the meeting recess to a closed session for the purpose of discussing with management representatives labor matters associated with delivery of new fire services by July 1, 2012 per NRS 288.220. It was noted that Commissioner Breternitz left the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

5:04 p.m. The Board reconvened with Commissioner Breternitz absent.

12-23F **AGENDA ITEM 5**

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There was no response to the call for public comment.

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ADJOURNMENT

5:05 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Breternitz absent, the meeting was 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:
Stacy Gonzales, Deputy County Clerk*