

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

TUESDAY

11:00 a.m.

MAY 28, 2013

PRESENT:

David Humke, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairperson
Marsha Berkbigler, Commissioner
Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner
Kitty Jung, Commissioner

Jaime Dellera, Deputy County Clerk
Katy Simon, County Manager
Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel
Charles Moore, Fire Chief

The Board convened at 11:19 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:

13-63F AGENDA ITEM 2

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

There was no response to the call for public comment.

13-64F CONSENT – AGENDA ITEM 3A

Agenda Subject: “Approval of TMFPD – SFPD Joint Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting minutes from May 14, 2013.”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 3A be approved.

13-65F AGENDA ITEM 4

Agenda Subject: “Fire Chief Report: A) Report and discussion related to fire district operations by Chief Charles A. Moore, B) Monthly Statistics, C) Washoe

County Volunteer Fire Fighters Association Report for April 2013, and D) Introduction of new employees and administer oath.”

Fire Chief Charles Moore, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD), said April saw little fire activity. He stated he held a staff meeting to plan for the approaching wildfire season. He said when lightning moved through the area, there could be as many as a dozen wildfires burning at the same time, but the District had a lightning plan; and he believed the District was well prepared for the upcoming wildfire season.

Chairman Humke noted page 5 of the staff report discussed a single vehicle accident, which was attributed to being in District 2, but was not. He said he just wanted to set the record straight.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, it was ordered that the Fire Chief’s report be accepted.

Chief Moore said the District hired eight new Firefighter/Paramedics, who rose to the top in a very competitive process. He issued the Oath of Service to Kolt Clore, Mark Drury, Jr., Kyle Endres, Derek Hirsch, Todd Hovenden, Jamie Rivera, Ryan Whitlock, and Richard Williams, who raised their right hands and responded “I do.” Chief Moore congratulated the District’s new employees.

There was no public comment on this item.

Chief Moore stated candidates to the firefighter’s academy had to put forth an extraordinary effort of both mind and body to get through the academy’s six weeks. He said getting through it proved they had what it took to be firefighters, and he was very proud to have them join the District.

13-66F AGENDA ITEM 5

Agenda Subject: “Blue Ribbon Committee on Regional Fire Study Update – Chief Moore.”

Fire Chief Charles Moore, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD), said the subcommittee, consisting of Commissioner Berkbigler and Commissioner Hartung, would be holding an open meeting tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. in the Caucus Room to screen the remaining 23 applicants (two withdrew). He noted the applicants had been notified of the meeting.

Chief Moore said embedded in the satellite view of the area, was everything needed for fire protection: roads, water, fire stations and firefighters. A copy of the satellite view of the area was placed on file with the Clerk. He stated what was missing from that view was the jurisdictional boundaries. He felt if the regional fire problem was looked at and the jurisdictional boundaries were ignored, that would result

in an objective view and analysis of what the problem really was, along with what the challenges and opportunities were to move forward with regional fire. He said it seemed the jurisdictional boundaries were somewhat of an impediment to thinking through the problem of matching the resources to the risk, where the appropriate places to place the resources were, and at what quantity and cost. He stated the study needed to be objective and nonpartisan. He recommended to the subcommittee that being objective and nonpartisan should be the two highest qualifications required of the applicants, along with them being someone who could think critically about this problem.

There was no action taken or public comment on this item.

13-67F AGENDA ITEM 7

Agenda Subject: “Approval and acceptance of a grant award from the Nevada Division of Forestry (USDA/SFA/13/07) State Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$7,926.00 which requires a District match of \$3,963.00 to cover costs in support of the Fuels Management Program and specifically for fuels reduction on private lots and HOA common areas in the Estates of Mt. Rose Community where no fuels reduction has taken place to reduce fire exposure in several years. (Commission District 2)”

Fire Chief Charles Moore, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD), said he was contacted by the Estates at Mt. Rose Homeowners Association (HOA) for assistance in applying for the State grant. He stated the grant was conditioned by the Estates at Mt. Rose agreeing to reimburse the District for the cost of the match, which the District had to front to obtain the grant. He said the agreements with the HOA would be brought back to the Board before proceeding with the fuels-reduction program. He stated it was possible the fuels reduction work could be done this spring but, if not, it would be targeted to be done in the fall.

Chairman Humke said he received an e-mail from Thomas Daily, who lent his support to this item. A copy of the e-mail was placed on file with the Clerk.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7 be approved and accepted.

13-68F AGENDA ITEM 8

Agenda Subject: “Possible Closed Session pursuant to NRS 288.220 for the purpose of discussing with management representatives labor matters associated with fire services.”

No closed session was necessary.

13-69F AGENDA ITEM 9

Agenda Subject: “Commissioners’/Fire Chief’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).”

Chief Moore recommended the Board convene for an attorney/client meeting today. Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel, advised the Board would be holding a closed session to consider Washoe County labor matters, and the attorney/client meeting could be held after that.

13-70F AGENDA ITEM 10

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

There was no response to the call for public comment.

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11:40 a.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, the meeting was adjourned.

DAVID HUMKE, Chairman
Truckee Meadows Fire
Protection District

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared By:
Jan Frazzetta, Deputy County Clerk*