

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

TUESDAY

11:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

PRESENT:

Marsha Berkbigler, Chair
Kitty Jung, Vice Chair
Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner
Jeanne Herman, Commissioner
Bob Lucey, Commissioner

Nancy Parent, County Clerk
Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel
Charles Moore, Fire Chief

The Board convened at 3:13 p.m. in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

15-0158F AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

On the call for public comment, Brian Rasmussen spoke in opposition to medical marijuana because marijuana was considered an illegal drug. He stated his opposition to the possibility of recreational marijuana being legal in the future as well. He thought medical marijuana should be treated as any other medication and dispensed through a regulated pharmacy as all other medications were.

15-0159F AGENDA ITEM 4 Presentation by the National Weather Service on fire weather outlook.

Truckee Meadows Fire Chief Charles Moore asked if this presentation could be postponed until the meeting of October 20th. Chair Berkbigler agreed with the postponement.

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

15-0160F AGENDA ITEM 5 Discussion and possible approval of a side letter agreement between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and International Association of Firefighters Local 3895 to allow donations of annual or compensatory leave from employees to Captain Bill Winchester

in excess of the 672 hour maximum negotiated in the collective bargaining agreement.

Chief Moore stated that Captain Bill Winchester requested to wait until October 31st to make a determination as to whether he would take medical disability or take the employment offered to him by the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD). He said it was important to Captain Winchester to maintain his sick leave status until he was able to make the decision. He noted Captain Winchester would need approximately 307 hours of donated sick leave to get him through that time period. The side letter agreement was drafted by legal counsel for the TMFPD and was presented to the attorney for the International Association of Firefighters Local 3895, who was in agreement. Chief Moore stated the commitment was to allow Captain Winchester to accumulate additional hours to get him to the October 31st date.

Paul Lipparelli stated that communication was received from the attorney representing the employee with some minor changes to the draft agreement, but he was unsure which agreement was included in the packet presented. He wanted to ensure the correct document was approved.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the side letter agreement, with the minor changes as described by Paul Lipparelli, be approved.

15-0161F **AGENDA ITEM 6** 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 announced a minor structure fire that occurred earlier in Hidden Valley was the result of an owner who attempted to kill black widow spiders by way of a blowtorch. He noted that with only a quarter of an inch more rain between now and the end of fire season, the Truckee Meadows should be out of risk of further wildfire danger, according to the weather service.

Commissioner Hartung asked if the compression unit request would be on the next Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) agenda. Chief Moore replied that as long as it was on the agenda for the Board of County Commissioners’ next meeting, it should be on the agenda for the October 20th TMFPD meeting for final approval.

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

15-0162F **AGENDA ITEM 7** Public Comment.

Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

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3:25 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, the meeting was adjourned.

MARSHA BERKBIGLER, Chair
Truckee Meadows Fire
Protection District and Sierra
Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

NANCY PARENT, Washoe County Clerk
and Ex-Officio Clerk, Truckee Meadows
Fire Protection District and Sierra Fire
Protection District

*Minutes Prepared By:
Doni Gassaway, Deputy County Clerk*