BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

TUESDAY

<u>10:00 A.M.</u>

April 1, 2025

PRESENT:

<u>Alexis Hill, Chair (via telephone)</u> <u>Jeanne Herman, Vice Chair</u> <u>Michael Clark, Commissioner</u> <u>Mariluz Garcia, Commissioner</u> <u>Clara Andriola, Commissioner</u>

<u>Catherine Smith, Chief Deputy County Clerk</u> <u>Dale Way, Interim Fire Chief</u> <u>Mary Kandaras, Chief Deputy District Attorney</u>

The Board convened at 10:00 a.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, Chief Deputy County Clerk Cathy Smith called roll, and the Board conducted the following business:

25-049F AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

Mr. Thomas Daly displayed a document, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He thanked the Board and introduced the subject of Senate Bill 319 (SB319). He noted that SB319 proposed that the Washoe County Fire Protection District (WCFPD) be created to replace the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) and the fire departments of the Cities of Reno and Sparks. He attested that neither SB319 nor the recent discussions held in the Nevada Legislature on March 28, 2025, identified the budget necessary to support the proposed consolidated fire protection district or the Fiscal Year 2028 (FY28) budget. He noted that 2028 was the first year proposed for the existence of the WCFPD. He asserted that SB319 required a new district to absorb the debt of the TMFPD and the debt associated with the Cities of Reno and Sparks' Fire Departments. He noted that TMFPD's debt at the end of 2024 was approximately \$16 million, with an additional anticipated debt of \$18 million for TMFPD's share of development costs for the planned Apple Station and the planned fire station in Washoe Valley. He reported that the Reno Fire Department (RFD) had a debt that included \$5.5 million in deferred maintenance for its dilapidated fire stations, approximately \$3.75 million in legacy debt for stations and apparatus, and \$50 million in anticipated debt for the recently announced development of a new headquarters fire station. He stated that the Sparks Fire Department (SFD) had a \$15 million bond issue for Sparks Fire Station 6, which he noted was under construction. He emphasized that the debt from those agencies was approximately \$108 million when considered collectively and suggested the debt was subject to repayment principles and interest rates of about \$6 million annually for a period of 20 years. He elaborated that by FY28, the cumulative operating cost for the three fire departments would go from

approximately \$153 million to a total cost of \$168 million. He suggested that capital costs, such as replacing fire engines, ladder trucks, and support vehicles, would account for an annual expense of approximately \$10 million based on historical purchases. He explained that the composition of fire district funding had historically comprised 66 percent by the property tax, 30 percent by consolidated tax (c-tax), and 4 percent by fees and grants. He asked what the property tax rate would need to be to generate the \$121 million portion of total revenue required for the costs of the consolidated fire departments, which historical statistics suggested would be sourced from property taxes. He noted that the property tax rate that would be needed was difficult to predict three years in advance and opined that the assessed valuation of such rates for TMFPD taxpayers have an assessed valuation in excess of \$2 per \$100, a threefold increase from the assed valuation of \$0.54 per \$100 at that time. He suggested that tripling the fire taxes to bail out the Cities of Reno and Sparks for debt related to their fire departments would be fiscally irresponsible of the Board and was a violation of their fiduciary duty to taxpayers. He urged the Board to vote to formally oppose SB319 at the April 8, 2025, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting.

Chief Deputy County Clerk Cathy Smith stated that emailed public comment was received and placed on file.

25-050F <u>AGENDA ITEM 4</u> Announcements/Reports.

Interim Fire Chief Dale Way recited from and described several letters received from individuals regarding services they were provided by the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD).

Interim Fire Chief Way reported that the first letter was sent by Ms. Bunny Bell and Mr. Russell Lambert regarding a service from February 6, 2025, to thank the 911 operator and the paramedics who assisted Ms. Bell that evening. The 911 operator remained on the phone with Ms. Bell until paramedics arrived, who she noted were very kind and helped her remain calm during treatment. Ms. Bell and Mr. Lambert were very grateful. Interim Fire Chief Way reported that the crew described in that letter was from the TMFPD Sun Valley fire station and consisted of Captain Austin Stowe, Engineer Christopher McNaught, and Firefighter Paramedics Greig Jameson, Daniel Moriarty, and Sebastian Hickey.

Interim Fire Chief Way stated that the second letter was sent by Washoe Valley residents Ms. Barbara Lopez and Mr. Hector Lopez in acknowledgement of the work conducted by TMFPD on their property's defensible space using grant money from NV Energy. Interim Fire Chief Way reported that Mr. and Ms. Lopez wrote the letter to thank Wildland Urban Interface Coordinator Brett Taylor, Fire Management Officer Gregory Jackson, and their crew of seven for clearing brush, dead trees, and branches from the property and to the men and women of the TMFPD for a job well done.

Commissioner Clark asked interim Fire Chief Way what his thoughts were regarding the public comment given during the previous agenda item by Mr. Thomas Daly. Commissioner Clark stated that Mr. Daly had always been helpful and had a lot of good information. Commissioner Clark elaborated that he would like interim Fire Chief Way to either validate or otherwise comment on the numbers presented during Mr. Daly's earlier public comment. He asked whether interim Fire Chief Way had made note of the given numbers and whether he believed Mr. Daly was accurate in the provided predictions of costs, expenses per \$100 of value, and future costs associated with going forward with SB319. He additionally asked whether interim Fire Chief Way thought Mr. Daly was correct in his comments.

Interim Fire Chief Way asked if Commissioner Clark's questions could instead be addressed during the fire chief's report later in the meeting, as the report included a legislative update.

Commissioner Clark opined that it would not be harmful for the Board to hear interim Fire Chief Way's answer twice. He stated that his answer was a quick acknowledgement of whether Mr. Daly was accurate in many of the figures he presented.

Interim Fire Chief Way noted that he did not know the accuracy of those numbers at that moment. Commissioner Clark thanked him.

CONSENT ITEMS – 5A THROUGH 5F

- **25-051F** <u>5A</u> Recommendation to approve the meeting minutes from February 4, 2025, Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting.
- **25-052F 5B** Recommendation to approve a change order to increase Purchase Order #65000005351 issued to CMC Tire, Inc. from \$95,000 to \$175,000 utilizing Nevada State Contract pricing through both Continental Tire the Americas, LLC (99SWC-NV24-22192) contract and The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (99SWC-NV24-21898) contract, allowing for the continuity of purchasing tires. (All Commission Districts)
- 25-053F <u>5C</u> Recommendation to approve a Lease Agreement effective May 1, 2025, between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and Whispering Road Investments, LLC to lease 1,771 square feet of flexible office space (Suiter #102 and #201), and 1,000 square feet of secured outdoor parking located at 1365 Quilici Ranch Road, Verdi NV, 89439 for a term of sixty (56) months and a base rent of \$3,550 plus Common Area Maintenance Cost at \$1,053 per Month commencing on June 1, 2025, for the purpose of establishing office space for Wildland and Fuels Division personnel. (Commission District 5)
- **25-054F 5D** Recommendation to approve a revised Equipment Reimbursement Allocation Policy updating standardized equipment and indirect cost reimbursements from billable emergency response, contracted natural resource management work allocation to an additional internal fund, and

revised percentage allocation to internal funds within the District effective July 1, 2025. (All Commission Districts)

- 25-055F <u>5E</u> Recommendation to approve the purchase of twenty (20) KNG-M150 mobile wildland radios, thirteen (13) BKR5000 portable wildland radios and miscellaneous wildland radio accessories at an amount not to exceed \$163,780.24 from BlackPoint L.L.C. 1407 Arlen Ln. Gardnerville NV 89410 utilizing Nevada State Purchasing Contract # 99SWC-NV22-10244 pricing. (All Commission Districts)
- 25-056F <u>5F</u> Recommendation to approve an updated agreement between REMSA and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District allowing Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District to respond to and provide ambulance transport services within the REMSA Franchise Service area extending the period until 2030 and allowing additional extensions for up to the length of the length of the REMSA Franchise Agreement with Northern Nevada Public Health. (All Commission Districts)

There was no response to the call for public comment on the Consent Agenda Items listed above.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 5A through 5F be approved.

25-057F <u>AGENDA ITEM 6</u> International Association of Fire Fighters Local 2487 Report.

International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 2487 President James Clouser reported that the IAFF Local 2487 was working in partnership with Senior *ResO Magazine* and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) to identify senior citizens who were not quite capable of maintaining their own defensible space and needed help with yard cleaning tasks. He informed the Board that Senior ResO Magazine was hosting an event at Swill Coffee and Wine, located near Lakeside Court, on April 2, 2025, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm for those interested in acquiring assistance with those services and requested that those who knew individuals who might be interested direct them to the event so they could sign up. He noted that those unable to attend physically were welcome to have another party attend and sign up on their behalf. He opined that directing people to the event would significantly help the IAFF Local 2487 identify those who needed assistance working on their defensible space. He stated that they would be acting on behalf of the IAFF and expressed hope that TMFPD would participate in the event to serve the community. He acknowledged that the winter had been a dry winter with heavy winds. He emphasized that they had experienced two very aggressive wildfires late in the season the year prior, leading to expectations of that trend reoccurring during the current wildfire season. He opined that the present was a good time to identify needs as spring approached. He acknowledged Commissioner Clark for being helpful in the process

and thanked him for taking the initiative for the planned event. Mr. Clouser thanked the Board and concluded his report.

25-058F <u>AGENDA ITEM 7</u> Fire Chief Report

- A. Informational briefing on operational matters and activities for the months of March 2025 and April 2025 to include the following items:
- 1. Recruiting Update
- 2. Federal Grant Update
- 3. Fire Adapted Communities Summit Update
- 4. Spring Green Waste Cancellation
- 5. Open Burning Notification
- 6. Legislative Update
- B. Review of recent critical calls response statistics for January 2025 and February 2025.
- 1. January 2025
- 2. February 2025

Interim Fire Chief Dale Way provided a recruiting update and reported that the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) was in the process of holding a recruitment for firefighters until May 8, 2025, and noted that the target was for five additional personnel. He stated that a new agency was engaged for a written exam and promised to deliver a wider audience to TMFPD. He recounted that while the previous exam concluded with 27 applicants, the new agency suggested that they could more than double that number by recruiting applicants from areas within a larger scope. He noted that the agency had a substantial history working with certain fire agencies in southern Nevada, which he acknowledged were much larger and drew from a bigger candidate pool. He reported that a decision was made for testing costs to be paid for by TMFPD to assist applicants who might not have the economic means to afford that expense. He noted that at that time, TMFPD had paid for 100 tests. He described recruiting efforts conducted with the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) and Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) as well as through social media outreach. He emphasized that the goal was to recruit exceptional and diverse candidates to uphold TMFPD's reputation.

Interim Fire Chief Way stated that a tactical pause had been reached in regard to federal grants due to uncertainties about where the federal government would give funding. He reported that Fire Communications Manager Adam Mayberry had contacted an organization called The Porter Group, which he noted was run by former Congressman Jonathan Porter, to identify the potential federal grant opportunities for TMFPD. He acknowledged that it was too late to apply for federal grants for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) and Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26). He reported being told that there might be some delays to federal grants for FY26 due to other delays associated with the federal grants awarded for the initiatives awarded in FY25. He expressed that TMFPD was looking

forward to engaging with The Porter Group at some point in the following year to identify federal grant opportunities for the beginning of Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) on October 1, 2027. He noted that approval was received to proceed with work on projects under three federal funding sources. He stated that one of those funding sources was the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), which funded the Jasper Project and Long Valley, with project completion slated for May of 2026. He described another of those sources as the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Grant for the Mount Rose Corridor, which he noted would continue for approximately the next four years with an anticipated completion date in December of 2028. He said that the final of those sources was from a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) grant for the Community Fire Assistance Program (CFAP), which would run until completion in approximately four and a half years. He noted that Division Chief August Isernhagen could speak more about those funding sources if the Board wanted.

Division Chief Isernhagen greeted the Board and remarked that interim Fire Chief Way provided the overall summary of TMFPD receiving approval to proceed with work on three major grants used for fuel management operations. He noted that the HMGP projects in Jasper and Long Valley were largely focused within the north valley region, and the funding was awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) several years prior. He reported that TMFPD was told to pause those projects in January of 2025, but noted that crews had since started the work again. He stated that the SNPLMA grant was a BLM grant. He explained that despite the SNPLMA grant being a federal grant, it was directly related to the sale of BLM land in the Las Vegas area and that the funding provided from those grants could only be used for concise and finite purposes. He reported that those funds had been released and crews received approval to resume related efforts when the weather permitted and the snow melted. He noted that the BLM grant for defensible space implementation in the east Washoe Valley area through the CFAP was among the most popular programs TMFPD had done. He reflected that the CFAP was paused in January of 2025, but approval was received several weeks prior to the meeting for crews to resume the program. He asked if the Board had any questions and thanked them.

Interim Fire Chief Way thanked Division Chief Isernhagen and reported that work was ongoing for additional HGMP grants for fuel reduction within the areas of Numbers, Joy Lake, Loyalton, and Rock Farm. He stated that work was underway on grant applications for the five declared Fire Management Assistant Grants (FMAG) related to the Davis Fire, Gold Ranch Fire, Trail Fire, Sullivan Fire, and the Callahan Ranch Fire. He proposed that each of those grant proposals would request approximately \$1.2 million to be used for fuels reduction and fire rehabilitation efforts.

Interim Fire Chief Way stated that the Fire Adapted Nevada Summit was held on March 17, 2025, and March 18, 2025, at the Joe Crowley Student Union on the UNR campus. He reflected that the summit highlighted a deepening of understanding for the topics of fire, community engagement, and wildfire risk reduction. He noted the summit also called attention to connecting with peers and engaging with fire agencies at the local, County, State, and federal levels, as well as learning practical methods for turning knowledge into action to implement change within the community.

Interim Fire Chief Way reported that TMFPD was cancelling the Spring Green Waste Event for the spring of 2025 due to funding limitations. Crews would use the time that would have been dedicated to the event to grind and burn backlogged materials at the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) East Washoe location and the Lemmon Valley and Silver Lake sites. He noted that the Green Waste Event would return the following fall.

Interim Fire Chief Way reminded the Board that open burning began on April 1, 2025, and would continue throughout the month of April if weather permitted. He expressed hope for extending the open burning season the following year beyond the normal procedure of the open burning season only occurring in December and April, depending on the weather. He noted that TMFPD would try to align more with others in the region that allowed open burning from December through the end of March, if weather permitted, in an effort to extend the season and offer more opportunities for people to burn excess waste.

Interim Fire Chief Way reported that he had several legislative updates and areas of interest for the TMFPD. He acknowledged that one of the more notable interests was Senate Bill 319 (SB319) and noted that Mr. Thomas Daly had discussed the topic in his earlier public comment. Interim Fire Chief Way reported that he had been in attendance at the hearing for SB319 the previous Friday, noted that TMFPD did not take a formal position at that time, and opined that SB319 was barely amended and there was significantly more progress to be made. He recommended advocating for a study to be conducted in the region, regardless of the results of the legislation.

Interim Fire Chief Way stated that Assembly Bill 102 (AB102) was another area of interest for the District that was being monitored. He described that AB102 would authorize local health districts to regulate Emergency Medical Services (EMS) rather than the State. He noted that the potential impact of AB102 was unclear, as Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH) was not used to running that program at that time, whereas the State was more familiar. He acknowledged that there had been a number of issues with the current procedure. Still, he noted that many of those issues had been resolved, and AB102 would only give the ability for the authorization of local health districts to regulate EMS. He reiterated that TMFPD was monitoring AB102 closely to see if a position would need to be taken on the bill.

Interim Fire Chief Way reported that Assembly Bill 332 (AB332) would significantly change the key features of the Nevada workers' compensation system, effectively ending the \$36,000 payroll cap for employees, winding down the subsequent injury fund accounts, and instituting changes regarding self-insured association administrators. He noted that TMFPD was paying close attention to AB332 as it impacted human resources (HR) and their lobbyists. He opined that Washoe County and every other local agency would be paying attention to AB332 as well.

Interim Fire Chief Way stated that the final legislative update related to Senate Bill 170 (SB170), which would require annual cancer screening, and noted that it could bring additional costs to the District.

Interim Fire Chief Way concluded by stating that the monthly reports were included, and stated that he would be happy to answer any questions.

25-059F AGENDA ITEM 8 Recommendation to approve a Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Employee Lobbying Policy, State Legislature. The policy provides guidelines and requirements for all district officers, employees and contract lobbyists while engaged in legislative and lobbying activities with the State of Nevada Legislature and its members. The proposed policy conforms with the requirements and definitions established in Nevada Revised Statues (NRS) Chapter 218H - Lobbying. (All Commission Districts).

Interim Fire Chief Daly reported that the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) Lobbying Policy was requested at the previous TMFPD meeting, as the agency was becoming involved in the area of lobbying. He noted that it was required that TMFPD approve a policy to provide guidelines for how those procedures would be conducted, as the agency had not previously had a relevant policy in place. He noted that the proposed policy largely mimicked a similar policy from Washoe County, was altered in order to relate directly to the TMFPD, and had been reviewed by the legal team.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8 be approved.

25-060F <u>AGENDA ITEM 9</u> Recommendation to approve and adopt Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Resolutions TM02-2025, TM03-2025, and TM04-2025 to augment or amend the District's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget for the Emergency Medical Services fund in the amount of \$67,806, for the Capital Projects fund in the amount of \$11,140,064, and for the General fund in the amount of \$60,000; and if approved direct the District to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts)

Interim Fire Chief Daly informed the Board that a Staff Report was available and requested that Cynthia Vance, Chief Fiscal Officer (CFO) of Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD), come forward to speak on the item.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Ms. Vance greeted the Board and described the recommendation to amend and augment the General, Capital Projects, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) funds. She noted that each of those items related to previous presentations. She reported that the State requested that TMFPD limit augmentations from occurring with every meeting to only being recommended once or twice. She suggested that there would be at least one more augmentation to bring before the Board at a future meeting.

Ms. Vance noted that the alterations to the EMS fund would recognize donations received for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) devices and manikin items. She described the adjustment to the Capital Projects fund as relating to the debt proceeds from when the debt was issued for TMFPD Fire Station 37 and from the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between TMFPD and Apple, Inc. for the revenue reimbursements from Apple, Inc. in recognition of related costs. She reported that changes to the General fund were for the extrication equipment from the TC Energy Grant.

Vice Chair Herman thanked Ms. Vance for the information.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be approved, adopted, and directed.

25-061F <u>AGENDA ITEM 10</u> Announcements/Reports.

Interim Fire Chief Dale Way reminded the Board that the Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) meeting the following month would include a presentation with updates and future plans regarding the District's partnership with the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA). He noted that the agenda would be fairly lengthy for the meeting scheduled for the following month, as the awards presentation would be conducted at that meeting. He expected the duration of that meeting to be approximately an hour and a half.

Commissioner Andriola asked interim Fire Chief Way if a summary of automatic aid regarding the 90-day period for the system and the ratio of priority calls could be included in the presentation he mentioned would be conducted at the following BOFC meeting. She acknowledged that interim Fire Chief Way might have already planned to include what she requested, and stated that she did not want to interfere with what was planned and only wanted to have that information given that it had expired. She asked if there had been any indication or discussion about the renewal of the automatic aid, as well as where the process was for those efforts. She commended the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) for their great work in maintaining that service and in not waiting for things to happen. She acknowledged there was a complexity of balance with ongoing events and provided Senate Bill 319 (SB319) as an example.

Interim Fire Chief Way requested Fire Deputy Chief Chris Ketring speak on those topics and suggested that Deputy Chief Ketring would be able to answer some of Commissioner Andriola's questions. Interim Fire Chief Way noted that any additional information that was needed could be provided at the following BOFC meeting. Deputy Chief Ketring reported that a trial was conducted and noted that they were 120 days into the 90-day trial period for that system. He emphasized that improvement efforts for the current system that was being used at that time were still ongoing. He opined that the system was successful for the citizens and residents of both jurisdictions. He recounted that a meeting was held the day prior to identify where improvements could be made until the implementation of the new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) platform and improve staff experience. He noted that at that time, both agencies were dual-dispatching to every incident, and described the experience of staff getting dispatched to incidents between 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., only to arrive on the scene and immediately get canceled and sent back. He reiterated that they were attempting to identify improvements to that process for staff.

Deputy Chief Ketring reported that discussions were ongoing to update the cooperative agreement and the TMFPD Annual Operating Plan, with a focus on how the implementation of the new CAD program, Hexagon, would impact those. He emphasized that there would be a focus on strategically building on those agreements. He stated that they had learned a lot from that process regarding what would be beneficial once Hexagon went live between both agencies and emphasized that it was a focus they were working towards.

Deputy Chief Ketring responded to Commissioner Andriola's question regarding the ratio of priority calls and asserted that those ratios fluctuated monthly based on call volume. He responded that both agencies had made changes to their run cards, which reduced the number of dispatches received by both agencies by approximately 300 calls. He noted that the ratio was subsequently lower that month as a result of those changes, but attested that on average, the ratio was approximately three to one for the City of Reno. He elaborated on that ratio by stating that TMFPD arrived on the scene at incidents in Reno three times for every occurrence of the City of Reno arriving on the scene at incidents within the TMFPD's jurisdiction. He additionally described the ratio for responding to priority calls in relation to the City of Sparks as two to one, noting that TMFPD responded to incidents located within Sparks two times for each event of the City of Sparks responding to calls within the District's jurisdiction. He asked if there were any additional questions he could answer for Commissioner Andriola.

Commissioner Andriola requested an update on what those efforts would look like during the meeting scheduled for the following month and noted that it would be greatly appreciated. Deputy Chief Ketring acknowledged her request, and Commissioner Andriola thanked him for his hard work. Deputy Chief Ketring asked for clarification about whether she wanted to know what those efforts would look like, specifically in regard to the Annual Operation Plan. She confirmed that was what she had requested an update on, noted that it would be helpful, and thanked him.

Commissioner Andriola thanked interim Fire Chief Way for the article he published in the Spring 2025 edition of the internal employee newsletter for the TMFPD, *The Charged Line*. She also thanked Fire Communications Manager Adam Mayberry for sending the publication to the Board, as well as Deputy Chief Ketring and all others who contributed to *The Charged Line*, which she described as great reading. She commended the fact that interim Fire Chief Way began the article by noting that those employed in public service had an obligation to maintain a high standard of professionalism. She noted that his statement had been very well received and agreed that there was a high standard of how they conducted and presented themselves as well as how they interacted with others, whether it was during their personal time or in an official capacity. She reiterated her appreciation for his well-written article and the great message that everyone could take something from. She reiterated that her intent had been to publicly acknowledge him for the article and thanked him again.

Commissioner Clark thanked the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) for the work they would be doing with *Senior ResQ Magazine*. He explained that *Senior ResQ Magazine* was focused on all things related to seniors. He acknowledged that senior citizens were not as active as they used to be and noted that the IAFF would volunteer their own time and funds to assist those individuals by removing vegetation and debris from their property. He stated that those actions set the tone for the spirit of the County. He reported that *Senior ResQ Magazine* was advertising the service and identifying individuals who needed the help. He announced that he would include in the agenda for the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting scheduled for April 8, 2025, a commitment of discretionary funds to purchase the dumpsters necessary to haul the collected debris away. He indicated that while it was simpler to move the debris located next to the structure, the act of getting the debris off the property entirely was more complicated. He explained that those discretionary funds would be used exclusively for obtaining the dumpsters and hauling the dumpsters to the dump. He reiterated his appreciation to the IAFF for the hard work they planned to do.

25-062F <u>AGENDA ITEM 11</u> Public Comment.

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Vice Chair Herman opened Agenda Item 11, and interim Fire Chief Dale Way read the language of the item. Vice Chair Herman noted that she had missed Commissioner Clark's request to speak on Agenda Item 10, Minute Item Number 25-063F and indicated her intent to give him the opportunity to do so.

Vice Chair Herman reopened Item 10, and Commissioner Clark continued the discussion on that item, as captured in the minutes for Minute Item Number 25-063F. Vice Chair Herman subsequently closed Item 10.

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There was no response to the call for public comment.

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10:35 a.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

ALEXIS HILL, Chair Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

Minutes Prepared By:

Brooke Koerner, Deputy County Clerk

JANIS GALASSINI, Washoe County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District