

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

JULY 27, 2021

PRESENT:

Bob Lucey, Chair
Vaughn Hartung, Vice Chair
Alexis Hill, Commissioner
Kitty Jung, Commissioner
Jeanne Herman, Commissioner

Janis Galassini, County Clerk
Charles Moore, Fire Chief
Mary Kandaras, Deputy District Attorney

The Board convened at 10:02 a.m. in special 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:

21-152F **AGENDA ITEM 3** Public Comment.

Mr. Ron McConnell expressed concern about motorists speeding in Sun Valley and he wanted law enforcement to get speeding under control.

21-153F **AGENDA ITEM 4** Recommendation to approve a revised month-to-month Interlocal Agreement between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and Washoe County for and on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for dispatch services in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 per month, starting August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 4 be approved. The Interlocal Agreement for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

21-154F **AGENDA ITEM 5** Recommendation to approve an agreement between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and REMSA to provide dispatching services to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, in an annual amount, of \$607,750 in the first year, with a 2% annual increase that would rise to a total cost of \$632,303.32 per year if extended through the proposed 3-year duration. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Hill expressed appreciation for the additional time given for this item, and for answers to many of her questions. Vice Chair Hartung appreciated the deeper dive into this item to gain a better understanding. He asserted he was fully supportive of the item.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5 be approved.

21-155F **AGENDA ITEM 6** Announcements/Reports.

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) Chief Charles Moore announced there would not be a Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting in August.

Commissioner Jung expressed frustration that agencies allowed fires to burn instead of extinguishing them. She asserted that practice affected the air quality in the region and the health of the community. She wanted agencies who were responsible for a wildfire being left to burn to be held liable to extinguish them as quickly as possible, noting Washoe County was responsible for smoke leaving the region. She encouraged everyone to watch a Public Broadcasting Service documentary about the frontline of the Paradise Fire. She spoke about the Butte County District Attorney suing PG&E.

Chair Lucey noted two of the five largest wildfires burning in the United States were in California within 100 miles of this region, and the smoke was dramatically impacting northern Nevada and the local community. He mentioned the health challenges that affected all citizens, not just at-risk populations, and the economic impact to the community which could occur if businesses were required to place restrictions on their hours. He thanked staff for their quick response to the lightning strike fire in Galena that burned just over one acre. He indicated the Nevada Department of Forestry, the U.S. Forest Service, and the TMFPD responded to the fire immediately.

The Tamarack Fire was started on July 4 by a lightning strike and was not extinguished yet, Chair Lucey said, noting many structures had burned and the smoke was creating huge impacts. He thought it was ridiculous to have to wait until the fire reached the Nevada state line before staff could make an impact on the severity of the event. He believed there was a way to work stronger as a region rather than sit idle and have citizens be affected by smoke. He stated the Quincy and Greenville Fires were in California, but they relied heavily on this region for resources and food because of the close proximity. He expressed frustration that Cal-Fire was allowing fires to burn and thought there should be recourse to address this process. The Governor acted quickly once the fire hit the Nevada state line and activated agencies to protect the land. The Chair admitted there needed to be accountability from the agencies who were allowing fires to just burn. He stated this issue would be brought up with the District Board of Health and Chief Moore for suggestions.

Commissioner Hill noted she saw Mr. Kenneth Dalton at an event, and he was still looking to pursue something at Black Springs Station. She hoped he could be re-engaged and would appreciate any support Chief Moore could provide. She mentioned it was in Commissioner Herman's district, but she wanted to ensure Mr. Dalton received the help he needed to get the building on a historic registry. This would be one of two historical fire stations recognizing African Americans in the entire nation, and she thought this was a great opportunity.

21-156F **AGENDA ITEM 7** Public Comment.

Mr. Charles Stockford expressed frustration about items being abandoned on property around Quartz Lane. He asserted the area was littered with mattresses, cars, campers, and junk. He asked the Board for help.

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10:23 a.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

BOB LUCEY, Chair
Truckee Meadows Fire
Protection District

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared By:
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