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STAFF REPORT

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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the reappointment of Rob Pierce to the Washoe County Board of Adjustment to represent Commission District 5 (unincorporated County area of District 5 (generally includes the areas of Verdi, North Valleys, Cold Springs, Warm Springs, portions of Sun Valley, and all of the High Desert Planning Area extending to the Oregon border)), to fill a term beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2028, or until such time as Mr. Pierce no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first.

SUMMARY

Rob Pierce's term on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment will expire on June 30, 2024. County Commissioner Herman has recommended Rob Pierce to the Chair of the Washoe County Board of Commissioners (Board) to be considered for reappointment to the Board of Adjustment. If reappointed, the term will begin on July 1, 2024, and end on June 30, 2028, or until such time as Mr. Pierce no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Meeting the Needs of a Growing Community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 8, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) appointed Rob Pierce to fill a full term on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment representing Commission District 5. The term began on January 1, 2021 and will end on June 30, 2024.

BACKGROUND

The Board of County Commissioners established the Board of Adjustment, in accordance with NRS Chapter 278.270, to hear and decide appeals concerning zoning regulations and matters related to the soundness of structures. The Board of Adjustment also hears and

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decides cases involving administrative permits, special use permits and variances. Terms of appointment are four years, or until a successor takes office, and the appointees must be residents of the unincorporated area of Washoe County and registered voters at the time of their appointment and throughout their term of office. The Board appoints five members to the Board of Adjustment, each representing one of the County Commission Districts.

Based on direction previously provided by the Board, the Commissioner whose district is represented by the Board of Adjustment vacancy (Commission District 5 in this case), recommends the appointment. Commissioner Herman recommends that Rob Pierce be reappointed to a full term to the Board of Adjustment commencing on July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028, or until such time as Mr. Pierce no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Mr. Pierce's application is included as Attachment A to this staff report. Please note, to ensure compliance with NRS 278.280(3), Mr. Pierce resigned from the Board of Equalization on April 20, 2024. Mr. Pierce is an unincorporated County resident of Commission District 5. He was appointed to represent Commission District 5 in 2020 after Kim Toulouse's term on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment expired on June 30, 2020. Mr. Toulouse had served a partial term and two full terms on the Board of Adjustment and was not eligible for reappointment. County Commissioner Herman recommended Rob Pierce to be considered for appointment to the Board of Adjustment.

FISCAL IMPACT

As authorized by NRS 278.280(2)(a) and Washoe County Code Section 110.912.10(i), Board of Adjustment members receive an \$80 per meeting stipend. The Board of Adjustment meets every month, which equates to an annual per member stipend of \$960. Funds to compensate all Board of Adjustment members for scheduled meetings are being recommended as part of the FY 2024-2025 Budget in CSD Planning & Development Admin (105400), Contracted/Temp Services (710110).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the reappointment of Rob Pierce to the Washoe County Board of Adjustment to represent Commission District 5 (unincorporated County area of District 5 (generally includes the areas of Verdi, North Valleys, Cold Springs, Warm Springs, portions of Sun Valley, and all of the High Desert Planning Area extending to the Oregon border)), to fill a term beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2028, or until such time as Mr. Pierce no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Chair reappoint the appointee from District 5 to the Board of Adjustment and should the Board agree with the reappointment, a possible motion would be:

“Move to approve the reappointment of Rob Pierce to the Washoe County Board of Adjustment to represent Commission District 5 (unincorporated County area of District 5 (generally includes the areas of Verdi, North Valleys, Cold Springs, Warm Springs, portions of Sun Valley, and all of the High Desert Planning Area extending to the Oregon

border)), to fill a term beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2028, or until such time as Mr. Pierce no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first.”

Attachments:

Attachment – BOA Application (Rob Pierce)