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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *April 16, 2024*

DATE: March 22, 2024
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Cathy Hill, Comptroller and Chairman of the Washoe County, Nevada
Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund
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THROUGH: Eric Brown, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to confirm re-appointments to the Washoe County, Nevada OPEB Trust Fund Board of Trustees of 1) Cindy Vance, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District chief fiscal officer, retroactive from July 24, 2023 for a two-year term to July 24, 2025, 2) Christine Vuletich, retiree, for a two-year term beginning June 21, 2024 ending June 21, 2026, and 3) Cathy Hill, Washoe County fiscal officer as “employee of the Employer who manages the fiscal affairs of the Employer”, for a two-year term beginning June 26, 2024 ending June 26, 2026 with the eligibility of continuing for an additional two-year term ending on June 26, 2028.

The OPEB Trust is a legally separate entity from Washoe County for the exclusive purpose of providing funds to pay for the post-retirement benefits provided by the employee welfare benefit plans maintained by the County and all assets of the fund are irrevocably dedicated to, and are used for the exclusive purpose of, providing for the payment of benefits and for paying reasonable expenses of administering the Fund, and will not be available to any creditors of the County or Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

The OPEB Board is recommending the re-appointments of Cindy Vance, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District chief fiscal officer; Christine Vuletich retiree; retiree and Cathy Hill, Washoe County fiscal officer, as “employee of the Employer who manages the fiscal affairs of the Employers Trustees of the Washoe County, Nevada Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Financial stewardship of post-employment benefits.

PREVIOUS ACTION

AGENDA ITEM # _____

November 28, 2023 – the BCC confirmed the appointment of Tammi Davis, retiree, to the Trust Fund’s Board for a two-year term ending on November 28, 2025, with the eligibility of continuing for an additional two-year term ending on November 28, 2027.

June 21, 2022 – the BCC confirmed the reappointment of former Washoe County Chief Financial Officer, Christine Vuletich as a retiree member of the Trust Fund’s Board.

July 21, 2021 – the BCC confirmed the reappointment of retirees Duane Meyer and Dondi Armstrong, and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District chief fiscal officer Cynthia Vance as Trustees.

On May 11, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners approved and authorized the Chairman to execute the Trust Agreement for the Washoe County, Nevada Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund and the appointment of three trustees as the Board of Trustees for that Trust.

BACKGROUND

The Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund is an irrevocable trust that was created in fiscal year 2010 and is administered under the provisions of NRS 287.017. The purpose of the trust is to provide an investment vehicle for the participating employers to set aside money to fund the costs of future retirement benefits provided by the following benefits plans: a) Washoe County retirees health benefit program; b) Washoe County’s State of Nevada Public Employees Benefit Plan; c) Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Retiree Group Medical Plan. The purpose is also to fund the initial liability over a 30-year amortization period. These funds are in an irrevocable trust in which neither the County nor TMFPD has direction or management of the funds associated with the Trust. The OPEB Trust has its own governing board and financial statements which are audited annually. The Trust is overseen and managed by the OPEB Trust Board members. The Trust is a legally separate entity from Washoe County.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact with this appointment as the OPEB Trust is a legally separate entity from Washoe County and bears its own expenses.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners confirm re-appointments to the Washoe County, Nevada Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund Board of Trustees of 1) Cindy Vance, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District chief fiscal officer, retroactive from July 24, 2023 for a two-year term to July 24, 2025, 2) Christine Vuletich, retiree, for a two-year term beginning June 21, 2024 ending June 21, 2026 and 3) Cathy Hill, Washoe County fiscal officer as “employee of the Employer who manages the fiscal affairs of the Employer”, for a two-year term beginning June 26, 2024 ending June 26, 2026 with the eligibility of continuing for an additional two-year term ending on June 26, 2028. The OPEB Trust is a legally separate entity from Washoe County for the exclusive purpose of providing funds to pay for the post-retirement benefits provided by the employee welfare benefit plans maintained by the County and all assets of the fund

are irrevocably dedicated to, and are used for the exclusive purpose of, providing for the payment of benefits and for paying reasonable expenses of administering the Fund, and will not be available to any creditors of the County or Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the board agree with the OPEB Board's recommendation, a possible motion would be: Move to confirm re-appointments to the Washoe County, Nevada Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund Board of Trustees of 1) Cindy Vance, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District chief fiscal officer, retroactive from July 24, 2023 for a two-year term to July 24, 2025, 2) Christine Vuletich, retiree, for a two-year term beginning June 21, 2024 ending June 21, 2026, and 3) Cathy Hill, Washoe County fiscal officer as "employee of the Employer who manages the fiscal affairs of the Employer", for a two-year term beginning June 26, 2024 ending June 26, 2026 with the eligibility of continuing for an additional two-year term ending on June 26, 2028. The OPEB Trust is a legally separate entity from Washoe County for the exclusive purpose of providing funds to pay for the post-retirement benefits provided by the employee welfare benefit plans maintained by the County and all assets of the fund are irrevocably dedicated to, and are used for the exclusive purpose of, providing for the payment of benefits and for paying reasonable expenses of administering the Fund, and will not be available to any creditors of the County or Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District.