

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

TUESDAY

11:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

PRESENT:

John Breternitz, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairperson
Kitty Jung, Commissioner
David Humke, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Simon, County Manager
Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel
Michael Greene, Fire Chief

ABSENT:

Bob Larkin, Commissioner

The Board convened at 12:25 p.m. in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

11-113SF AGENDA ITEM 2

Agenda Subject: “Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to two minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Board of Fire Commissioners agenda. The Commission will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to two minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board of Fire Commissioners as a whole.”

Bob Ackerman read from a prepared statement, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He stated that a Regional Fire Organization should be the goal and urged the Board to keep that in mind.

Tom Motherway suggested the Board consider combining the Sierra Fire Protection District (SFPD) and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD).

Chief Michael Greene indicated that Agenda Item 5 would be pulled from the Agenda and brought back during the September 20, 2011 meeting.

11-114SF AGENDA ITEM 3A

Agenda Subject: “Approval of Agenda for the September 13, 2011 SFPD Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting.”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Larkin absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 3A be approved.

11-115SF AGENDA ITEM 3B

Agenda Subject: “Approval of BOFC meeting minutes from the August 9, 2011.”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Larkin absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 3B be approved.

11-116SF AGENDA ITEM 3C

Agenda Subject: “Approval of Volunteer Fire Department Report for the month of July 2011.”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Larkin absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 3C be approved.

11-117SF AGENDA ITEM 4

Agenda Subject: “Chief’s Report including Arrowcreek Station.

Chief Michael Greene reported that the Arrowcreek Station was on schedule and within budget. He said the anticipated opening date for the Station was February or March of 2012. Chairman Breternitz asked if any change orders for excavation were anticipated. Chief Greene did know if those would be coming forward.

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

11-118SF AGENDA ITEM 6

Agenda Subject: “Acceptance of a grant award from Nevada Division of Forestry, (USDA/SFA/13) State Fire Assistance Grant Program to support the Defensible Space Education Program, in the amount of \$37,456 (with a 50 percent match of \$18,732) to be satisfied utilizing personnel costs of the local fire department participants for the period September 13, 2011 through December 31, 2012,

authorize the chair to sign the required documents and direct the Finance Department to make the appropriate budget adjustment.”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Larkin absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6 be accepted, authorized, executed and directed.

11-119SF AGENDA ITEM 8

Agenda Subject: “Commissioner’s/Managers 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.)”

Commissioner Weber remarked that the Board was still awaiting the update for the Peavine Volunteer Station and restated that request. Chief Michael Greene explained that he would return to the Board with a staff report to discuss the terms of the lease agreement.

11-120SF AGENDA ITEM 9

Agenda Subject: “Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to two minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Board of Fire Commissioners agenda. The Commission will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to two minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board of Fire Commissioners as a whole.”

William Steward commented on the Master Plan. He recommended a separate Fire Board for the County to provide an efficient and fiscally responsible fire-based Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system.

11-121SF AGENDA ITEM 7

Agenda Subject: “Possible closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Sierra Fire Protection District Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220.”

12:40 p.m. On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Larkin absent, it was ordered that the meeting recess to a closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220. It was further ordered that the meeting would adjourn from the closed session.

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JOHN BRETERNITZ, Chairman
Sierra Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

AMY HARVEY, Washoe County Clerk
and Ex Officio Clerk, Sierra
Fire Protection District

*Minutes Prepared by:
Stacy Gonzales, Deputy County Clerk*