

**SOUTH TRUCKEE MEADOWS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

AUGUST 22, 2000

PRESENT:

Ted F. Short, Chairman
Jim Shaw, Vice Chairman
Joanne Bond, Commissioner
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Mark Gregersen, Assistant County Manager
Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel
Paul Orphan, Senior Utility Engineer

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that the agenda for the August 22, 2000, meeting be approved.

MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 25, 2000, be approved.

**00-18STM CONTINUE EXISTING POLICY OF VOLUNTARY
CONVERSION TO METERED WATER RATES**

Paul Orphan, Senior Utility Engineer, reported that the Local Managing Board is recommending that the Board of Trustees continue the existing policy of only converting flat rate water customers to metered rates on a voluntary basis or because of a change of ownership or tenancy of property. In response to Commissioner Sferrazza, Mr. Orphan explained how they determine the amount of the flat rate. He further explained that a committee is currently studying all the water rates and the Local Managing Board does not want to supersede the committee.

Chairman Short stated that all STMGID customers have meters now and their bill shows the gallons used; that what he is doing is averaging out his usage and if he determines that it would be to his advantage to convert to the metered rate, he will; and that he believes that is what most people are doing.

Commissioner Galloway stated that there are always certain people using huge amounts of water and that has an impact on the other customers; and that the Local Managing Board should begin to phase out the flat rate customers.

Commissioner Bond stated that she thought everyone was just waiting for the rate studies to be completed and then everyone would be converted. Mr. Orphan stated that, as the flat rate goes up, people will convert to metered rates; that when it gets down to the last ten big water users being on the flat rate, their bills will reflect all the costs of providing water to them.

Dwight Blevins, Local Managing Board member, stated that they have been studying the rates and know they need an adjustment; that they know that 16 percent of the customers are flat rate and are using 23 percent of the water; and that the local board does have an appetite to make their bills 23 percent of the water.

Commissioner Galloway stated that there has been no actual commitment by the Local Managing Board to pool all of the flat rate customers and come up with a rate that reflects their water usage. Mr. Blevins stated that they still have to hold public hearings in the District on this and that it is early in the process.

Commissioner Shaw noted the options outlined in the staff report for phasing out the flat rates and implementing metered rates and asked if those would be considered when the rate study is completed and whether the Local Managing Board has a target date. Mr. Blevins stated that what they hope to do is have a joint workshop with the Trustees which would include adding some of the aspects of rate making into the District's policies.

Commissioner Bond expressed her desire that this be accomplished before next spring. Mr. Blevins stated that they are aware there is a problem and they do want to fix it hopefully before the end of the year.

Commissioner Galloway asked if the new rates have to be approved by the Board of Trustees. Mr. Orphan stated that they do.

Commissioner Galloway moved that staff be directed to determine the flat rate by dividing the total cost of providing water to the flat rate users as a group by the number of flat rate users. Commissioner Sferrazza seconded the motion. Chairman Short stated that the ad valorem rate has to be taken into consideration also. Following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

00-19STM MANAGEMENT REPORTS – AUGUST, 2000

Following discussion, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that receipt of the District’s management and financial reports for the month of August, 2000, be acknowledged.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, voiced his objections to the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitor’s Authority changing their agendas by putting “Public Comment” at the end of their meetings and to the big trucks working on the parking lot expansion driving through neighborhood streets.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

TED SHORT, Chairman
South Truckee Meadows General
Improvement District

ATTEST: AMY HARVEY, County Clerk
