

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JANUARY 27, 2004

PRESENT:

Jim Shaw, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
David Humke, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
John Berkich, Assistant County Manager
Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel
Paul Orphan, Senior Utility Division

ABSENT:

Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

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:

04-01STM AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the agenda for the January 27, 2004 meeting be approved.

04-02STM MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 25 and December 16, 2003 be approved.

**04-03STM SCHEDULE JOINT MEETING – LOCAL MANAGING BOARD –
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Paul Orphan, Engineering Manager, Utility Division, explained an evening meeting came at the request of the STMGID Local Managing Board to allow for more public participation.

Commissioner Weber suggested the meeting be held on a Tuesday evening on the day of a 1:00 p.m. Board meeting. Chairman Shaw inquired if the Commissioners would be available on February 17, 2004, and those present were

agreeable to the date. Mr. Orphan stated he would work through the Manager's office to confirm scheduling of the joint meeting.

04-04STM DISCUSSION – LOCAL MANAGING BOARD TO SERVE AS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Orphan gave background of the history of STMGID and how the Board of County Commissioners became the trustees, referring to the report that was prepared by the Department of Water Resources, dated October 2003, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He noted the Local Managing Board had discussed the topic at their December 15, 2003 meeting.

Commissioner Galloway stated there were issues that STMGID customers have had and it would be more beneficial to have this Board remain the governing Board of STMGID because the issues involve reaching agreements between STMGID and Washoe County. He said it would be right to work through the issues first and then take up the issue at a later time without any commitment one way or another. Chairman Shaw said he agreed with Commissioner Galloway.

Mr. Orphan noted that STMGID members were most concerned with having this topic as a discussion for the joint meeting.

Commissioner Humke said the tentatively scheduled joint meeting would be the appropriate place to discuss the topic. He acknowledged that there has been a diminution in the adversarial nature of the relationship between the Local Managing Board and the current Board of Trustees, making it a positive time to begin the discussion.

Willis Beasley, Reno resident, supported the idea to delay the discussion until the joint meeting. He suggested the Board consider dispensing of the everyday operations of serving as trustees for STMGID and consider a role as overseers that would hear appeals from customers.

Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel, stated that what Mr. Beasley suggested could be done by ordinance as opposed to dissolving the District all together and then recreating a District. She explained that the Board had already done this in the past by amending the creation ordinance of STMGID to allow the Local Managing Board to be the final decision maker except for appeals on annexations. She said she did not see any reason why the Board could not delegate most of the other matters to the Local Managing Board if the Board desired.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that this agenda item be continued to the tentatively scheduled February 17, 2004 joint meeting of the Board of Trustees of STMGID and the Local Managing Board of STMGID.

04-05STM MANAGEMENT REPORTS - DECEMBER 2003

Following discussion, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that receipt of the District's management and financial reports for the month of December 2003 be acknowledged.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, stated that if people who were considered experts were allowed to speak longer at the podium, then he should be given extra time every time he steps forward to speak. He sang a song about Mayor Bob Cashell and encouraged the Mayor to continue televising the Reno City Council meetings.

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

JAMES M. SHAW, Chairman
South Truckee Meadows General
Improvement District

ATTEST:

AMY HARVEY, Washoe County Clerk
and Ex Officio Secretary, South Truckee
Meadows General Improvement District

*Minutes Prepared By:
Lori A. Rowe, Deputy County Clerk*