

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

TUESDAY

11:00 a.m.

JUNE 12, 2012

PRESENT:

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

Nancy Parent, Chief Deputy Clerk
Katy Simon, County Manager
Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel
Charles Moore, Fire Chief

ABSENT:

Robert Larkin, Chairman

The Board convened at 12:49 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:

12-106SF 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 District 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 Commission as a whole.”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

CONSENT ITEMS – ITEMS 3A AND 3B

12-107SF AGENDA ITEM 3A

Agenda Subject: “Approval of BOFC meeting minutes of May 21, 2012 and May 22, 2012.”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

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

12-108SF AGENDA ITEM 3B

Agenda Subject: “Update, discussion and possible direction related to the status of the Truckee Meadows – Sierra Fire Protection District’s Expanded Transition Plan.”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

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

12-109SF AGENDA ITEM 4

Agenda Subject: “Fire Chief’s Report – Presented by Chief Charles A. Moore.”

Fire Chief Charles Moore introduced Dave French, the Sierra Fire Protection District’s (SFPD’s) newest Battalion Chief. He said Chief French had been a Captain with the SFPD and had experience in fighting wildland fires.

Chief Moore discussed the three-acre brush fire that occurred in late May in the heart of the Arrowcreek subdivision. He said the fire caused no structural damage.

Commissioner Jung asked what the response time would have been if there was no Arrowcreek Fire Station. Tim Leighton, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Battalion Chief, replied the response time would have increased by five minutes. Commissioner Jung said the response time was crucial for a subdivision with limited access.

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

12-110SF AGENDA ITEM 5

Agenda Subject: “Resolution of appreciation to Chief Michael Greene for his contributions to the Sierra Fire Protection District, including the Arrowcreek Fire Station.”

Fire Chief Charles Moore welcomed former Fire Chief Michael Greene who set himself and the District up for success by preparing the way for getting service to the Arrowcreek area.

Commissioner Breternitz read and presented the Resolution of Appreciation to Chief Greene.

Chief Greene said at his final Board meeting, Commissioner Jung encouraged him to stay involved in community service, which he took to heart. He stated

two weeks ago he went before his local Board of Commissioners to discuss establishing a paramedic service using a private/public partnership and by the end of the meeting he was appointed as the project's Director. He stated he was aware there had been some controversy regarding the Board's actions, but the Board's commitment in creating a sustainable regional fire service and in addressing the volunteer issues should be congratulated; and he felt its success would be measured in lives saved. He also thanked the citizens for working with the Board towards that goal. He said it was rare to see such long-term commitment by citizens without the commitment fracturing over time. He stated he was very pleased to be present today and he thanked the Board for the lessons they helped him learn and for the gifts they gave him, because it was their voices ringing in his ears when he saw the need to set up paramedic service for a 1,600 square mile area. He thanked the Board for this Resolution.

In response to the call for public comment, Sarah Thomas thanked Chief Greene for his strength to achieve a goal no matter what it cost him physically. She said his success in getting the Arrowcreek Fire Station built expanded the County's coverage tremendously and would save countless lives. She stated the citizens could count on the area's well trained firefighters. She said Chief Green worked hard to obtain the federal stimulus grant with the support of Senator Harry Reid's Office. She thanked Chief Greene for his role as Chief, and the Commissioners for giving Chief Greene this acknowledgment.

Bob Ackerman said Chief Greene was fantastic and everyone thought the world of him. He applauded the Commission for giving Chief Greene this recognition.

Commissioner Humke said the Arrowcreek Fire Station was important and was in the right place at the right time. He stated due to the Chief's planning, community evacuation procedures were in place during the two recent fires and the injuries and loss of life were held to a minimum. He said the Chief also helped tremendously with the District's achieving financial stability, and he acknowledged his involvement in pressing the volunteers into service and giving them a meaningful role. He stated another of the Chief's roles was that of Fire Chief Santa Clause, which would not be forgotten by many of the District's children.

Commissioner Weber said it was amazing how Chief Greene brought the community together, and she hoped it would continue.

On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Chairman Larkin absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5 be approved.

Fire Chief Charles Moore said the grand opening of the Arrowcreek Fire Station would be held on Friday, June 15, 2012, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and the ribbon cutting would occur at approximately 3:15p.m.

12-111SF AGENDA ITEM 6

Agenda Subject: “Commissioner’s/Manager’s 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 Jung announced she would not be attending the grand opening of the Arrowcreek Fire Station because she would be on vacation, but she would be present in spirit. She hoped the citizens would treat Fire Chief Charles Moore as kindly as they treated Chief Michael Greene.

Chief Charles Moore advised a flag pole would be installed prior to the grand opening. He stated the community raised and donated the money to the Galena Volunteers, who then purchased the flag pole for the Station.

12-112SF AGENDA ITEM 7

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 Commission as a whole.”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

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1:09 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned without opposition.

ROBERT M. LARKIN, Chairman
Sierra Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by:
Jan Frazzetta, Deputy County Clerk*