

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SOUTH TRUCKEE MEADOWS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

TUESDAY

5:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

PRESENT:

**Bob Larkin, Chairman**  
**Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairperson**  
**Jim Galloway, Trustee**  
**David Humke, Trustee**

**Nancy Parent, Chief Deputy Clerk**  
**Dan St. John, Acting County Manager**  
**Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel**  
**Rick Warner, Acting Engineer Manager**

ABSENT:

**Kitty Jung, Trustee**

The South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District Board of Trustees convened in regular session at 5:15 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

**08-40STM 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 STMGID Board of Trustees agenda. The Trustees will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to two minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Trustees as a whole.”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

**08-41STM AGENDA ITEM 3.**

**Agenda Subject:** “Approve minutes for the Board of Trustees Meetings of July 22, 2008 and August 26, 2008. (p.1)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairperson, seconded by Jim Galloway, Trustee, which motion duly carried with David Humke, Trustee, and Kitty Jung, Trustee, absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 3. be approved.

**08-42STM AGENDA ITEM 4.**

**Agenda Subject: “Approve an amendment to STMGID Ordinance I292 by adding compensation for meetings attended in which the LMB member is a voting member on another board or commission, by deleting the named seat assignment for the LMB, and other matters properly related thereto; and if approved, direct staff to bring the ordinance to the Board of County Commissioners for introduction and first reading, and to set the date for a second reading and public hearing on the amendments: (p. 5)”**

Steve Cohen, Local Management Board (LMB) Chairman, said because the LMB schedule was pretty hectic due to the increase in meetings and one member had to leave work to attend the meetings, it was felt that compensation for a board on which a LMB member voted should increase from \$100 to \$200. He advised it would affect the Debt Management Commission (DMC), the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission, and the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC). He noted the LMB does not currently sit on the DMC.

Mr. Cohen said the Ordinance was also reworded so the seats were not named by a persons' name so the Ordinance would not have to be changed every two years.

Trustee Galloway asked if the compensation would go up to \$200 for everybody even though only one person suffered the hardship. Mr. Cohen clarified it would only be for the person attending a meeting for one of the three Boards as a seated voting member, but not for an LMB meeting.

Chairman Larkin advised the compensation would remain at \$100 for attending an LMB meeting.

Trustee Galloway noted some DMC members received no compensation at all while the At-Large members received a small amount of compensation. He said there was already a difference and there could conceivably be someone on the DMC who would get three times more compensation than anyone else. He advised STMGID would be paying the \$200 in compensation for its member, not the County.

Mr. Cohen reiterated that some people work and, to leave a paying job to attend a meeting for two to three hours, the \$100 did not cover the expenses. He confirmed the increase would only be for the voting meetings and not for LMB or non-voting meetings. He stated he did not believe it was the LMB's turn on the DMC for another couple of years. He noted the DMC only met quarterly, and he did not know what the compensation for the other members was.

Trustee Galloway stated he would leave the decision to the other Trustees, unless the Ordinance said, "for meetings lasting less than an hour." Mr. Cohen replied that option was not discussed at the LMB, and he was not sure he even mentioned the DMC. Trustee Galloway asked if just DMC could be excluded and the \$200 could be for the other meeting, which was what the LMB was attending anyway.

Chairman Larkin said he did not have a problem in excluding DMC. He advised the WRWC and the Nevada Water Planning Commission meetings required substantial investments in time.

**5:28 p.m.** Trustee Humke arrived at the meeting.

Chairman Larkin commented he was not sure how the exclusion could be worded, but specific language was needed to set the public hearing for the Ordinance. Mr. Cohen suggested adding language excluding the DMC. After further discussion, Mr. Cohen indicated the language on page 9, 6.b. did not mention the DMC. Chairman Larkin said e.g. meant example and was not inclusive.

Trustee Galloway suggested amending the language to say "each legally noticed non-board meeting for which the Managing Board member serves as a voting member on either the Northern Nevada Planning Commission or Western Regional Water Commission."

Chairman Larkin indicated there might be more subcommittees. Trustee Galloway said it could state, "or subcommittees thereof."

Trustee Weber asked if Trustee Galloway had an alternative on how to handle the stipend for the DMC. Trustee Galloway replied when it was the LMB's turn to sit on the DMC, the LMB could send someone who did not have a hardship. He said the meetings were four times a year and rarely lasted more than an hour.

Trustee Weber asked for some clarification regarding this item. Chairman Larkin explained what page 9, subsection 6.b. added to the Ordinance and why Trustee Galloway wanted to exclude the DMC meetings. He also explained the name issue.

Trustee Weber asked if this was a situation that other board members besides STMGID would have and if a precedent was being set. Chairman Larkin replied it was not known what the other General Improvement District's (GID's) did because they were totally self-determining.

Trustee Weber explained she had a problem with the \$200 because a substitute teacher working six hours did not get \$200 for a day of teaching. Chairman Larkin said they also did not spend four hours studying a thick packet of information, and he did not have a problem with the increase. Trustee Galloway agreed with Chairman Larkin.

Trustee Humke discussed the election and the work of the LMB members. He felt this appeared to be a legitimate reason to provide additional compensation, which was reasonable and not out of line.

Trustee Weber noted the Trustees were the checks and balances for the LMB. She said she appreciated their work, but she could not support the increase.

Mr. Cohen noted page 7 indicated how much was spent versus what was allowed for meetings attended by the LMB members. He felt no one was taking advantage of the compensation allowed because the actual amount was nowhere near what was allowed but, because of the Legislature in the last few years, the number of meetings and time required had increased. He stated when he ran a few years ago, this was not what was imagined and it would probably get worse as time went on. He said currently he was the only LMB member not employed, which was why he attended most of the meetings. He noted he was getting burned out and it was hard to pay for a babysitter to attend a meeting for which there was no pay.

Chairman Larkin agreed the job had changed substantially since Mr. Cohen was elected because legislative actions at the State Legislature caused a considerable increase in the investment in time required.

Chairman Larkin noted this would be a motion to move this forward to the Board of County Commissioners for a first reading.

Trustee Galloway asked about the legally noticed meetings. Mr. Cohen replied the \$100 meetings the LMB members attended would be publicly noticed meetings where they represented STMGID. He said no compensation was received for working groups and workshops. Trustee Galloway said this Ordinance did not solve that problem either. Mr. Cohen replied that was not being requested.

Trustee Galloway said the Ordinance created compensation for certain boards where the workload was greater. Mr. Cohen clarified it was stipulated as voting members.

After further discussion, Trustee Galloway indicated he wanted to take the word "also" out of both 6.a and 6.b.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Jim Galloway, Trustee, seconded by David Humke, Trustee, which motion duly carried with Kitty Jung, Trustee, absent and Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairperson, voting "no," it was ordered that Agenda Item 4 be approved with the amendment in 6.a and 6.b to delete the word "also," in 6.b to delete the word "e.g." and replace it with the word "on," to delete the word "meetings" after Northern Nevada Water

Planning Commission and after Western Regional Water Commission, to change the ending period to a comma, and to add the words "any subcommittee thereof."

**08-43STM      AGENDA ITEM 5.**

**Agenda Subject:    "Management Report"**

- (a) Customer Water Usage Report - August 2008 (p. 12)**
- (b) Well Level Report - August 2008 (p. 17)**
- (c) Work Order Summary- August 2008 (p. 24)**
- (d) Financial Report - July and August 2008 (p. 29)**
- (e) Minutes of Local Managing Board regular meeting of August 18, 2008. (p. 39)**

Trustee Galloway said there was some discussion at the joint meeting earlier today regarding successful improvements with the arsenic removal on Well 9 and that there would be a water balance accounting on October 28, 2008.

There was no action taken on this item.

**08-44STM      AGENDA ITEM 6.**

**Agenda Subject:    "Trustees, LMB, and Staff Comments (limited to announcements, requests for information, statements relating to items not on the agenda or issues for future agendas.)"**

Trustee Humke noted there was a plan to hold a joint meeting of the Local Managing Board of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID) and the STMGID Board of Trustees sometime in January 2009.

08-45STM      AGENDA ITEM 7.

Agenda Subject: “Adjournment.”

5:57 p.m.      On motion by David Humke, Trustee, seconded by Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairperson, which motion duly carried with Kitty Jung, Trustee, absent, it was ordered that the meeting be adjourned.

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**ROBERT M. LARKIN**, Chairman  
South Truckee Meadows General  
Improvement District

**ATTEST:**

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

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