

1 **NORTH LAKE TAHOE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

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4 **JULY 19, 2017**

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6 **LOCATION:** 863 Tanager, Incline Village, Nevada.

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8 **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Chairman Perry called the meeting to order
9 at 12:00 p.m.

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11 **ROLL CALL OF THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE FIRE PROTECTION BOARD OF**
12 **DIRECTORS:** Upon roll call, the following Board Members were present:
13 Dennis Perry, Chairman, Susan Herron, Vice-Chairman; Denise Bremer,
14 Secretary/Treasurer; James Costalupes, Director; Greg McKay, Director; and
15 Beckie Dunn-Spomer, Secretary.

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17 **GUESTS PRESENT:** Ryan Sommers, NLTFPD; Sharon Cary, NLTFPD; Devon
18 Reese, Legal Counsel; Bryan Calder, Assistant Fire Chief; Jeff Sambrano,
19 Battalion Chief; Mark Regan, Assistant Fire Marshal; Alan Green, NLTFPD;
20 Jennifer Donohue, Fire Inspector; Erick Rodriguez, Compliance Officer;
21 Forest Schafer, California Tahoe Conservancy.

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23 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approved no changes

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25 **NRS 241.020 RE: PUBLIC COMMENT: This is a Time for the Public to**
26 **Comment on any Matter, Whether or Not it is Included on the**
27 **Agenda of this Meeting.** None

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29 **CONSENT AGENDA –** Approved no changes

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31 **Approval of Minutes of the May 17, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting**

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33 **Review of Accounts Payable for May 2017.**

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35 **Review of Accounts Payable for June 2017.**

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37 **Approval of the May 2017 Monthly Management Report.**

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39 **Approval of the June 2017 Monthly Management Report.**

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41 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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43 **1. Recognition of Forest Schafer from NLTFPD (Presented by Fire**
44 **Chief Ryan Sommers)**

45 Fire Chief Sommers recognized Forest Schafer for his years of service
46 with a Fireman's axe and plaque. He thanked Forest for his years of

1 service and dedication to the District. He explained Forest has left North
2 Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District after 14 years to join the California
3 Tahoe Conservancy. Forest spoke and thanked the District and Fire Chief
4 Sommers for allowing him the opportunity to learn and grow with this
5 District. He spoke of the need to keep the forest and wildland areas safe
6 and protected in the Tahoe Basin. He spoke briefly about the wildland
7 fires happening around the district and the need to keep up the work on
8 prevention and fuels reduction in our District and the surrounding areas.
9 He stated he will be working in his new position at the California Tahoe
10 Conservancy to bring the other districts around the lake to the level
11 excellence in fuels reduction and fire prevention of North Lake Tahoe Fire
12 Protection District.

13 Director McKay commented that Forest was one of the best hires of his
14 time with the District, and commended Forest on his time with the
15 District.

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17 **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

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19 **REPORTS**

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21 ***Legal Counsel Reports:** Nothing new to report. Chairman Perry asked if
22 there was any news on the tax ruling. Devon Reese, Legal Counsel replied
23 there was no new news to report on the tax ruling at this time.

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25 ***Board of Directors' Comments/Reports.** None

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27 ***Fire Chief Reports. (Fire Chief, Ryan Sommers)**

28 Fire Chief Sommers reported there have been multiple fires requiring the
29 District to send staff to assist. The hand crews have returned and are
30 currently in District. They will be held locally to handle the chipping in
31 District and North Tahoe for the next few days.

32 Fire Chief Sommers said, with permission from the Board, he has formed a
33 subcommittee with Director Herron and Director Bremer to meet with the
34 Board of Realtors and their lobbyist to discuss a solution to the issue
35 regarding the safety of the Vacation Rentals in our District. The Board of
36 Realtors and the lobbyist have presented an education plan for review and
37 there is another meeting scheduled later this month. Fire Chief Sommers
38 asked for comments from Director Herron or Director Bremer. Director
39 Herron said Fire Chief Sommers did a good job representing the district and
40 felt the meeting went well.

41 Fire Chief Sommers said there has been no positive movement in regards to
42 the wrecked ambulance and the involvement of the Department of
43 Insurance. The District has not reached an agreeable settlement and he will
44 keep the Board updated with any changes.

45 Fire Chief Sommers discussed the topic of the Southern Nevada Public Land
46 Management Act (SNPLMA) funds being diverted from their original purpose

1 as discussed in the news. The federal government wanted to use those
2 funds for other purposes. Fire Chief Sommers said, however he received an
3 email from Steve Teshara, the lobbyist assisting the Tahoe Basin Regional
4 Fire Chiefs saying, it has been decided the funds will not be diverted and the
5 District will be able to use those funds as in previous years.

6 Fire Chief Sommers informed the Board of the work place accident involving
7 Captain Bruce Hicks. Captain Hicks was involved in a very serious motor
8 vehicle accident in transit from the Brian Head Fire. He is in the Intensive
9 Care Unit (ICU) and in stable condition at this time. Fire Chief Sommers had
10 asked for a uniform presence at the hospital and there was an overwhelming
11 amount of support from staff and the Board. Captain Hick's family has
12 asked that we communicate through his brother in law, who is acting as a
13 liaison for the family.

14 Director Costalupes said he had heard from a local fire chief in Truckee
15 about the accident, and he expressed his support for Captain Hicks and his
16 family. Fire Chief Sommers said that anyone wanting information can log
17 into the Caring Bridge to get the latest information and express their
18 thoughts to the family.

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20 ***Chief Officers Report (Assistant Fire Chief, Bryan Calder)**

21 Assistant Fire Chief Bryan Calder said the District has responded to 18
22 wildland incidents since the first of July, with those responses and rotating
23 shifts at the hospital in support of Captain Hicks, it has been a busy month
24 for the crews.

25 Assistant Fire Chief Calder said a house had been donated for training on
26 Fairway. The crews have had a chance to do multiple trainings there,
27 including confined space rescue training.

28 The District was awarded a grant in the amount of \$49,000.00 for
29 Emergency Medical Services training and equipment. Assistant Fire Chief
30 Calder thanked Tia Rancourt, Public Information Officer and Justin Ashby,
31 Fire Fighter/Paramedic for their work and time on this grant.

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33 ***Fuels Management Reports. (Fuels Management Officer, Isaac Powning)**

34 Fire Chief Sommers said Fuels Management Officer, Isaac Powning is in
35 Winnemucca at a wildland fire. He sent an email regarding crew assignments
36 and the hand crews will be held locally to tend to the chipping in the District.
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39 ***Business Manager Reports. (Business Manager, Sharon Cary)**

40 Business Manager Cary said the administration staff is working on the end of
41 year reports.
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43 ***Public Education Information Officer Reports. (Public Education Information Officer, Tia Rancourt)**

44 Business Manager Cary stated that the Public Information Officer emailed
45 the Board her report, as she is unable to attend the meeting.
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***Local 2139 Union Reports.**

No Report

Chairman Perry asked for any questions from the Board. Director McKay asked since the announcement of Battalion Chief Eikam's retirement is there any Acting assignments being issued. Assistant Fire Chief Bryan Calder replied there are three people rotating through that spot, Captain Green, Captain Allen and Captain Euse. They are all working on their task books and will have an opportunity to apply for that position.

Director Costalupes asked for an update on the construction at Station 13. Alan Green, Logistics manager said that the stairs are completed and the rest of the work will be completed in the few days.

NRS 241.020 RE: PUBLIC COMMENT. This is a time for the public to comment on any matter, whether or not it is Included on the agenda of this meeting.

Meeting Adjournment.

Chairman Perry adjourned the meeting at 12:27pm

Beckie Dunn-Spomer, Secretary

Dennis Perry, Chairman