

TUESDAY 1:30 P.M. OCTOBER 26, 1999

PRESENT:

- Jim Galloway, Chairman
- Ted Short, Vice Chairman
- Joanne Bond, Commissioner
- Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner
- Jim Shaw, Commissioner
- Amy Harvey, County Clerk
- Katy Singlaub, 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 Bond, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Galloway ordered that the agenda for the October 26, 1999, meeting be approved.

MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Galloway ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 28, 1999, be approved.

99-31STM SET PUBLIC HEARING - COMPENSATION INCREASE - LOCAL DISTRICT MANAGING BOARD

Vice Chairman Short stated that the members of the Local District Managing Board are elected, not appointed; that the members work long and hard and the amount of time they are spending is becoming monumental; and that the only taxpayers affected by increasing their compensation are those in the District.

Chairman Galloway clarified the proposed difference between regular Board meetings, requested to be increased to \$150, and other meetings such as Citizen Advisory Board meetings, Water Planning Commission meetings, etc., requested to be paid at \$50, both with annual limits.

Commissioner Sferrazza suggested that since these are elected positions perhaps the salaries should be included on the ballot. Legal Counsel Madelyn Shipman advised that the ordinance requires that the salaries be set by the Board of County Commissioners.

Jerry Schumacher, Chairman, Local Managing Board, provided background information stating that the figure of \$150.00 came from the previous Local Managing Board in September, 1998; that they have been waiting for over a year to get this before the Board of Trustees; that their Board members are doing more and more outside work besides the regular monthly meeting; and that someone always has to go to the Regional Water Planning Commission meeting. He further stated that both he and the Vice Chairman have been going to regular meetings concerning negotiations on the wholesale water agreement for Damonte Ranch and that two of their Board members sit on the Steering Committee.

Chairman Galloway expressed concern regarding ramifications with other Boards stating that a Board of Adjustment member has

already approached him and asked if they would also get an increase. He further stated that the idea of paying for attendance at meetings other than the Board they sit on is setting a new precedent.

Commissioner Bond stated that she does not have a problem increasing the compensation for the regular meetings, but she is reluctant to begin paying for attendance at other meetings and listed some of the problems she thought might arise. Chairman Galloway noted that the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, which is also an elected board, pays its members \$150 per month regardless of how many meetings they attend. Commissioner Shaw stated that he would be comfortable doing the same.

Legal Counsel Shipman advised that the action should be to direct staff to bring forward an ordinance, specifying the amount of compensation, for introduction and subsequent public hearing and possible adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Schumacher stated that an ordinance which does not include the extra compensation for attending non-board meetings is not acceptable to the Local Managing Board members.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked how the hearing would be noticed for the STMGID residents. Commissioner Short suggested that a notice be included in the monthly bill. Ms. Shipman stated that since this is being treated as a County ordinance, a newspaper publication will be required.

Commissioner Short stated that he believes the taxpayers in STMGID would support these increases because they know how hard the Board members work.

Chairman Galloway stated that he could not support paying for the non-board meetings because of the impact that would have on all the other boards.

Commissioner Short moved that staff be directed to bring forth an ordinance for County Commission consideration and public hearing increasing the Local Managing Board members' compensation as follows:

1. Members of the Managing Board shall receive \$150.00 for each regular monthly Board meeting attended and any four legally noticed special board meetings attended, including workshops with the Board of Trustees, not to exceed \$2,400 per year, per member, or \$12,000 per year for all members, effective July 1, 1999.
2. Members of the Local Managing Board may also receive \$50 for each legally noticed non-board meeting attended (e.g., Citizen Advisory Board meetings, Regional Water Planning Commission meetings, Board of County Commission meetings, etc.,) providing that attendance at such meetings is specifically related to the business of the District and approved in advance by the Chairman of the Local Managing Board. Such payment may not exceed \$100 per month or \$1,200 per year per member and shall be effective November 1, 1999.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, with the understanding that a notice of the public hearing will be included in the water bills to ensure full participation by the affected residents. A discussion ensued concerning when the water bills are mailed and the wording of the notice and it was decided to set the public hearing for the first meeting in December, 1999, and that the notice sent to the STMGID residents should include detailed information on the specific amounts of compensation. Chairman Galloway then called for the vote and the motion carried by 4 to 1, with Chairman Galloway voting "no".

99-32STM MANAGEMENT REPORTS - SEPTEMBER, 1999

Following discussion, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Galloway ordered that receipt of the District's management and financial reports for the month of September, 1999, be acknowledged.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no response to the call for public comments.

BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF COMMENTS

Ed Schmidt, Director, Department of Water Resources, advised that two water supply agreements will be coming to the Board on November 9, 1999; that one is with Sierra Pacific Power Company concerning water supply to the Double Diamond area; that the other one is between Washoe County and the Tri-Partners for increasing the infrastructure; and concern has been expressed on these by the Local Managing Board.

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

JIM GALLOWAY, Chairman
South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District

ATTEST: AMY HARVEY, County Clerk

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