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

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5 **September 19, 2018**

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

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9 **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Chairman McKay called the meeting to  
10 order at 12:01 p.m.

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

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18 **GUESTS PRESENT:** Fire Chief Ryan Sommers, NLTFPD; Sharon Cary,  
19 NLTFPD; Devon Reese, Legal Counsel; Bryan Calder, NLTFPD; Mark Regan,  
20 NLTFPD; Isaac Powning, NLTFPD; Tia Rancourt, NLTFPD; Micah Wilcock,  
21 NLTFPD; Dave McClellan, NLTFPD; Russell Barnum, NLTFPD; Erick  
22 Rodriguez, NLTFPD; Michael D. Brown, R&R Partners; Gail Krolick, Incline  
23 Village Board of Realtors (IVBOR); Heather Lunsford, IVBOR.

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25 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda approved as submitted.

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27 **NRS 241.020 RE: PUBLIC COMMENT: This is a Time for the Public to**  
28 **Comment on any Matter, Whether or Not it is Included on the**  
29 **Agenda of this Meeting.**

30 There were no public comments made at this time.

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32 **CONSENT AGENDA** – The consent agenda was approved with one change to  
33 the minutes regarding the ISO rating. The minutes said “the District received  
34 an ISO rating of 98.2%” Chair McKay pointed out the rating has not been  
35 finalized yet and should reflect that change in the minutes.

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37 **Approval of Minutes of the June 27, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting**

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39 **Review of Accounts Payable for June 2018.**

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41 **Approval of the June 2018 Monthly Management Report.**

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43 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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45 1. **Presentation by R & R Partners (Presented by Lobbyist Michael**  
46 **Brown)** Chair McKay introduced Michael Brown with R & R Partners,

1 former NLTFPD Fire Chief and now R & R Partners Public Affairs Director  
2 for the State of Nevada. Mr. Brown handed out and explained the  
3 outline of the key bills his office, R & R Partners, is tracking for the  
4 upcoming legislative session in February 2019. The outline only has the  
5 heading of the proposed bill and the sponsor, not the body of the bill,  
6 as they are still being presented. As the bills move forward, R & R  
7 Partners will be communicating and building working relationships with  
8 the sponsors and those involved in the legislative process. With the  
9 election process still ahead, R & R Partners are meeting with both sides  
10 and building working relationships to keep the District and their clients  
11 informed of the progress of any bills that will affect them directly. Mr.  
12 Brown said the Governor's office is working diligently to put together a  
13 budget. Mr. Brown said R & R Partners is looking at a couple of bills  
14 being purposed around the area in EMS and Fire and a lot of changes  
15 are going to take place. R & R Partners is working together with State  
16 EMS and looking at what bills they would like to see passed in this  
17 legislation session and how that will affect local and State EMS and Fire  
18 jurisdictions. R & R Partners is looking at a couple of bills being  
19 presented by the City of Reno regarding Fire, such as one to make  
20 Reno its own Fire District, which means they would have to open the  
21 475 law. This law is the one that allowed North Lake Tahoe Fire  
22 Protection District to become a District. Last session Senator  
23 Kieckhefer, who represents our District, put out a bill which required  
24 Districts to sign an automatic Mutual Aid Agreement with neighboring  
25 Districts to provide help during emergency situations. Senator  
26 Kieckhefer is working on putting out a new bill and R & R Partners is  
27 working closely with his office to help and provide assistance whenever  
28 possible. Some of the bills they know of, with the development of a Fire  
29 commission, have been able to explore and research the combining of  
30 Fire Departments and Fire Districts within Washoe County. It's not sure  
31 yet if they are talking about all districts like his previous bill did. R & R  
32 Partners will continue to keep up and inform Fire Chief Sommers of the  
33 developments and wordings of bills as they arise. R&R Partners was  
34 successful, last session, in changing some of the Medicaid laws. North  
35 Lake Tahoe and other districts that do ambulance transports benefited  
36 from these changes. R&R Partners is working this session to firm up the  
37 wording in that law and ensure those Medicaid disbursements will  
38 continue to be paid to the local Departments and Districts. Medicaid is  
39 discussed every session so R & R Partners wants to make sure those  
40 funds are being distributed and continue to be distributed as they  
41 should. Mr. Brown said, even though the session has not started yet,  
42 R&R Partners is engaging in many meetings and working hard to make  
43 sure the District and its Board are informed and aware of any changes  
44 coming forward. Mr. Brown said it has been a pleasure to work with  
45 Fire Chief Sommers and Business Manager Cary and he continues to

1 answer and send questions regarding any changes or things that might  
2 affect the District. Mr. Brown said he gets to monitor and watch what's  
3 going on within the State Fire Agencies because he still sits on the  
4 State Fire Chiefs Board. He is still involved back in Washington D.C. on  
5 the Wildfire Policy committee and he said North Lake Tahoe Fire  
6 Protection District (NLTFPD) is still one of the front runners in the  
7 nation as a top Fire District. He is proud to represent the District in all  
8 his endeavors. He asked for questions.

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10 Chair McKay asked, how is the privatization of ambulance services  
11 potentially affecting the landscape? Mr. Brown said the relationship  
12 between REMSA and NLTFPD is good and most of the public agencies  
13 are providing stabilization and medical help and are not in the  
14 transportation business yet. The franchise was rewritten by the Health  
15 Department a few years ago and there are areas that are being looked  
16 at again and being strengthen. As the health care system is changing  
17 so is the transportation industry, the larger franchises are taking over  
18 the smaller franchises. It is something the District needs to be watching  
19 out for. NLTFPD is one of the longest standing ambulance transport  
20 agencies in the state. Director Herron thanked Mr. Brown for his report  
21 and asked when he thought it would be a good time to give them a  
22 follow up report. He said sometime before the session either December  
23 or January would be good. He added that he has talked a lot about Fire  
24 and EMS, however R & R Partners is looking at a cross section of  
25 information from PERS to different laws covering Collective Bargaining  
26 associations as well. Director Herron asked if there was anything they  
27 as a Board could do to help him in his pursuits for the District. Mr.  
28 Brown said he might call upon the Board to do direct mail or letter  
29 writing to Congress or legislators assigned to this District to help with  
30 certain bills but mainly just keeping themselves available to their  
31 representatives for this District. Director Herron asked if the District  
32 has provided a tour of our District to any of the representatives. Fire  
33 Chief Sommers said he has not personally given any tours, however,  
34 Mr. Brown, when he was the Fire Chief, gave multiple tours. Devon  
35 Reese, Legal Counsel, said Senator Ben Kieckhefer has always been  
36 very interested in fire safety and has been a friend to the District for  
37 many years, getting Senator Kieckhefer into the District would be a  
38 great idea and worthwhile to the District. Fire Chief Sommers said Mr.  
39 Brown has done a multitude of things to help the District besides his  
40 lobbyist duties, his actions have helped secure the Ground Emergency  
41 Medical Transport (GEMT) government funds for the District and other  
42 items as well.

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1       **2. Update on education campaign with regards to home safety.**  
2       **(Presented by Fire Chief Ryan Sommers)**

3       Fire Chief Sommers explained and reminded the Board of the campaign  
4       the District entered into with the IVBOR to educate the citizens and  
5       homeowners within the Fire District. The campaign started out as a way  
6       to educate the vacation rental owners and now has expanded to every  
7       structure in the District, to educate them on life and home safety. He  
8       explained the committee has sent out flyers and mailers with  
9       information to all the local homeowners on ideas on how to keep your  
10      homes fire safe. The committee is on its third release of the educational  
11      campaign flyers and mailers that have been sent out so far. Fire Chief  
12      Sommers thanked Director Bremer and Director Herron for working on  
13      the committee and helping to get this campaign out to the District. The  
14      residents and community seem to be getting the information. Fire Chief  
15      Sommers said he and the Board have been getting questions regarding  
16      fire safety and the information being sent out by the committee. Fire  
17      Chief Sommers introduced Heather Lunsford from IVBOR; Ms. Lunsford  
18      explained since the committee started ten months ago there have been  
19      two direct mail flyer sent out to approximately 6,800 residences. The  
20      mailers went out to homeowners wherever their primary residences  
21      are, this way the homeowners would be educated on home safety.  
22      Whether it's a private home or a vacation rental, the homeowners could  
23      eliminate any potential hazards before there are any issues. The  
24      committee got great feedback from the flyers, additionally a digital  
25      campaign was started composed of all facets of media. There was  
26      articles that went around and on social media, ads were targeted to  
27      people browsing for Incline Village or Crystal Bay. There were over  
28      13,000 clicks trough to the website that was created at  
29      [inclinevillagefiresafety.com](http://inclinevillagefiresafety.com), a total impressions off of social media and  
30      geo targeting was over 1.3 million. The geo targeting showed that  
31      Incline Village and Crystal Bay is viewed throughout the world. The  
32      committee decided to hold off on any mailers at this time due to all the  
33      political campaign mailers going around. The decision was made to do a  
34      local campaign using coffee sleeves from IV Coffee Lab and put the  
35      message on them. There is around 5,000 of them with the message  
36      "Incline Village Fire Safety" and on the back are all the logos from the  
37      sponsors of the campaign. There is an English/Spanish flyer going out  
38      to all the schools as well during Fire Prevention Week. The committee  
39      will meet again in the fall to decide what to do next. Ms. Lunsford  
40      asked for questions. Director Costalupes said he never received one of  
41      the mailers and Director Perry said he did not receive one either. Ms.  
42      Lunsford said she would check in the system as to why they did not  
43      receive them. Director Herron, Director Bremer, and Chair McKay all  
44      said they received both mailers. Chair McKay asked if Fire Marshal  
45      Regan had anything to add. Fire Marshal Regan said the word is getting

1 out there and the District is receiving more calls reporting unsafe  
2 conditions. There was a yearly meeting held at the McCloud condos for  
3 the residents and it was said there that they never received any  
4 mailers. Fire Marshal Regan sent mailers electronically to the property  
5 managements so they could distribute to all there residents. Director  
6 Perry asked what is the measuring component of this campaign, how  
7 do we decide if it's working. Ms. Lunsford responded by saying the  
8 social media number and the amount of mailers being sent out is a  
9 good way to calculate how many residents are being affected by this  
10 campaign. Also with Fire Marshal Regan seeing more calls alerting him  
11 of hazardous conditions because people are taking care of issues before  
12 it becomes a problem. All the realtors in the District are including it in  
13 their new buyer packets along with all property management  
14 companies are sending the flyers out in their email blasts to all  
15 residents so over time the message should be able to reach everyone.  
16 Director Perry said the information she provided was great for the  
17 media portion however, is there ever going to be a way to measure the  
18 actual results of the outreach. Director Herron said in the agreement  
19 there is a measurement segment and she has it on her list to revisit  
20 that portion, she asked if in the November report they could include the  
21 information, would that be satisfactory. Director Perry said yes.

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23 **3. Discussion for Possible Action Regarding adopting the 2018**  
24 **Northern Nevada Fire Code Amendment Matrix and the 2018**  
25 **Northern Nevada Wildland-Urban Interface Code Amendment**  
26 **Matrix. (Presented by Fire Chief Ryan Sommers.)**

27 Fire Chief Sommers introduced Fire Marshal Regan. Fire Marshal Regan  
28 said this was the first reading of Resolution 18-1 the 2018 Northern  
29 Nevada Fire Code (NNFC) Amendment and Resolution 18-2 the 2018  
30 Northern Nevada Wildland-Urban Interface (NNWUI) Code Amendment,  
31 there will be a second reading of these amendments before we put the  
32 amendments to a vote by the Board. Fire Marshal Regan said the  
33 International Fire Code (IFC) is updated every three years. These  
34 amendments are coming out of the Northern Nevada Fire Code  
35 committee, every six years a committee revisits the fire code, the  
36 committee is made up of the 12 Northern Nevada fire districts and  
37 departments. This committee started last year by adapting the 2012  
38 (IFC) so they are consistent throughout Northern Nevada while  
39 maintaining the integrity of the minimum State code. Resolution 18-1  
40 and 18-2 will formally adopt these changes to the NNFC and the  
41 NNWUI codes.

42 Fire Marshal Regan pointed out a handout in the packet with a matrix  
43 of the codes that are suggested to be changed and what the code is  
44 being changed to. Any section without amendments will be adopted as  
45 written in the 2018 IFC. Fire Marshal Regan said there are a lot of

1 changes presented in the packet regarding the fire code, however most  
2 of them are the same changes that were in the 2012 IFC and they are  
3 carried forward to the 2018 IFC version. Changes can also be because  
4 of Nevada Revised Statue (NRS) or Nevada Administrative Code (NAC)  
5 requirements. Fire Marshal Regan said you will see all the signatures of  
6 the Northern Nevada departments that agreed to adopt these changes  
7 in the first part of the appendixes. All the changes will affect the  
8 Northern Nevada Districts however, not every situation is in each  
9 District, such as the extraction of marijuana does not really affect this  
10 District because we do not have any facilities, however the committee  
11 agreed with the amendments as written in the matrix. Another  
12 amendment is about/addresses it was originally in the Appendix B of  
13 2009 IFC and now it's in appendix A.

14 Legal Counsel Devon Reese said the State Fire Marshal sets the  
15 standard for the IFC and WUI, and the District can only improve upon  
16 the statute, not make changes below the minimum state fire code. Fire  
17 Marshal Regan explained the changes are from Resolution 13-1 and will  
18 be made permanent through the passing of Resolution 18-1. The  
19 amendment regarding the penalties has been amended for a fire  
20 hydrant violations from \$75.00 to \$175.00 to cover the cost of  
21 processing the ticket and now we are consistent with Washoe County.  
22 Legal Counsel Devon Reese explained that when the District would try  
23 to enforce a violation the courts were confused as to why our rates  
24 were so low. Our fees for a violation had not been changed in twenty  
25 plus years, so this amendment will bring the District's cost in line with  
26 Washoe County. Director Herron asked why the District would enforce a  
27 parking violation if Washoe County does. Fire Marshal Regan explained  
28 that if the hydrant is on private property the Sheriff must have an  
29 agreement with the property owner to issue a citation, where as a Fire  
30 District has the authority to enforce life and safety hazards, which  
31 blocking a fire hydrant would qualify.

32 The next amendment which has changed is Section 510.1 & 2  
33 regarding the radio coverage and repeaters it changed to add more  
34 specifics as to where they can be located and how they are to be set  
35 up. The next amendment is Section 901.11 Problematic unwanted fire  
36 alarms, this affects mostly Reno and Sparks with unwanted fire alarms.  
37 There was no way to hold them accountable so this amendment allows  
38 them to receive a fine if the alarm is not fixed.

39 The high rise building amendment changed so the height of any  
40 building over 55 feet is now considered a high rise building in the State  
41 of Nevada. The amendments with fire sprinklers have not changed. In  
42 Exhibit B the qualifications for the Board of Appeals is a 30-day written  
43 notice to appeal and a \$600.00 fee to apply, The Board of Appeals  
44 would consist of five qualified individuals who would be selected by the  
45 Fire Chief and Fire Marshal to decide the outcome of the appeal. Fire

1 Marshal Regan asked for any questions. Director Costalupes asked why  
2 the appeals process was so expensive. Fire Marshal Regan said the fee  
3 was decided based upon a three person panel in Resolution 16-1 which  
4 is the fee schedule for the District. The price would cover the cost for a  
5 panel member at \$200 a day to pay for their time and it has not gone  
6 up with the change to a five person panel. At this time, the District has  
7 not ever had to gather a panel for an appeal, the situations have  
8 always been worked out before the appeals process happened. This  
9 appeals panel would cover any citation, whether it is a build violation or  
10 a life safety violation.

11 Fire Marshal Regan said the resolution 18-2 is handled the same way as  
12 18- 1 this code covers the NNWUI code. In Northern Nevada it was  
13 basically a cleanup of the 2012 WUI code. The 2012 WUI code  
14 established ember resistant vents and since then there has been a lot  
15 of changes to the vents, this amendment will have a specific set of  
16 standards to follow.

17 Section 504.7.2 amendment to the decking requirements. This is a  
18 change which was brought about by a study from the International  
19 Insurance Institute (III). The study was presented after the 2018 WUI  
20 code was written. The study showed that in an ember storm, the  
21 embers would land up next to the house and the deck and would catch  
22 the house on fire. Fire Marshal Regan passed out a copy of the study.  
23 This amendment with the vent, siding, roof, and defensible space  
24 requirements will help prevent fires from starting during and ember  
25 storms.

26 The amendment will require that the construction of decks to have a  
27 3-inch metal flashing installed between the deck and the house and a  
28 quarter inch board spacing with foil faced bitumen tape or corrosion-  
29 resistant metal applied to the top and upper side surfaces of the  
30 supporting joist. Director Costalupes asked if they meant to have the  
31 foil tape run the full length of the floor joist. Fire Marshal Regan said  
32 yes. Director Costalupes asked if the metal flashing could be covered  
33 with siding. Fire Marshal Regan said it can be covered with a non-  
34 combustible material. Chair McKay said it is not going to be  
35 aesthetically pleasing. Director Costalupes said there is painted metal  
36 flashing to match most home exteriors. There was also an amendment  
37 to the heavy timber section and because of the other changes it  
38 allowed the District to lower the standard to minimum 6x6 columns,  
39 4x8 floor joists, 4x10 or 6x8 beams, 3x ledgers, and 2x decking.  
40 Chair McKay said the next step in the process is do we hold a public  
41 hearing or have a second reading at a Board meeting. Fire Marshal  
42 Regan said we could hold a public hearing or read it for a second time  
43 at the October Board meeting so it can take effect as of January 1,  
44 2019. Director Herron said she had concerns as to how it was  
45 agendized as it did not sound like it was a first reading, and she was

1 concerned it was not presented to the public in a clear and complete  
2 manner. Director Costalupes said he received notification of the  
3 changes in July so he does not think it is too fast. Fire Marshal Regan  
4 said he has brought this up with as many contractors as he has seen  
5 and there have been multiple discussions in Washoe County as well due  
6 to the building codes changing at the same time. Devon Reese, Legal  
7 Counsel, stated from a legal stand point there is no financial rate  
8 structure so there is no legal requirement set for a time certain. Mr.  
9 Reese continued that Fire Marshal Regan wanted to have this brought  
10 out in a way that would be as transparent as possible. Meetings so far  
11 to establish the amendments have been open public meetings. Chair  
12 McKay asked if the rest of the Board is comfortable with the process so  
13 far. Director Costalupes, Director Bremer and Director Perry were  
14 comfortable with the process. Director Herron said she would like to  
15 have more outreach to our local contractors including Dale Smith and  
16 others. It was decided that there will be a second reading at the Board  
17 meeting in October. Director Costalupes said there should not be any  
18 pushback on any of the amendments brought forward. Fire Marshal  
19 Regan said he would send an email blast about the second reading at  
20 the October meeting to all the contractors the District has  
21 communication with.

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23 Chair McKay stated the Board would take a short 15 minute recess.

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25 The Board meeting reconvened at 1:20 pm.

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27 **4. Discussion for Possible Action Regarding the Board of Directors’**  
28 **Performance Evaluation of Fire Chief Ryan Sommers and**  
29 **Possible Action to provide an increase in his annual**  
30 **compensation.**

31 Chair McKay said he wanted to make two quick observations and then  
32 let the other members of the Board comment on Fire Chief Sommers’  
33 performance evaluation. Chair McKay referred to the Regional Fire  
34 Chiefs salary comparison spreadsheet provided by Business Manager  
35 Cary. Chair McKay pointed out that Fire Chief Sommers annual wage is  
36 at the bottom tier of the surveyed Districts and there is not a lot of long  
37 term fire chiefs in this region. He stated Fire Chief Sommers’ evaluation  
38 has a combined rating of 4.57, which is very good. Chair McKay said he  
39 would open the floor for discussion. Director Herron said she would like  
40 to make a motion. Chair McKay said they could accept a motion and a  
41 second and then follow it up with discussion with the Board. Director  
42 Herron made the motion to increase the Fire Chief Sommers’ salary by  
43 ten percent making it \$165,471.91. Director Bremer seconded the  
44 motion. Chair McKay asked if any of the Board wanted to discuss or  
45 have comments. Director Perry said at least four of the Districts on the



1 comparison spreadsheet are not as entailed as Fire Chief Sommers and  
2 he is still at the bottom of the list as far as salaries go, and he is  
3 managing a \$14 million dollar budget. The District has grown with  
4 expansion of the fuels programs and he could see him getting 15%.  
5 Director Herron asked Director Perry if he wanted her to change her  
6 motion and he said not exactly. Director Herron then said she felt after  
7 looking at the experience and time on the job of the other Fire Chiefs  
8 on the survey, Chief Sommers was still at the bottom even though he is  
9 managing a large budget and feels a raise is due because she does not  
10 want to lose him. Chair McKay asked Director Costalupes if he had any  
11 comments. Director Costalupes said he gave Fire Chief Sommers all 5's  
12 on his evaluation and believes he deserves the raise. Chair McKay  
13 asked for any more input. Chair McKay asked if we wanted to take a  
14 vote. Devon Reese legal counsel pointed out if the Board wanted to  
15 change the motion or the amount in the motion, they would have to  
16 vote down Director Herron's motion of a ten percent raise and bring a  
17 new motion for a second, before they voted. Chair McKay said they did  
18 not want a new motion, they wanted to vote on the original motion  
19 given by Director Herron. Chair McKay called for a vote.  
20 The motion to give Fire Chief Ryan Sommers a ten percent wage  
21 increase passed 5 to 0.

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23 **OLD BUSINESS:** Update on Collective Bargaining Agreement between Local  
24 2139 and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District.

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26 Fire Chief Sommers said the District and the Local 2139 have come to an  
27 agreement with the contract that was brought to the Board at the August  
28 meeting. There were a few questions about the wording on education pay  
29 however, the District and the Local have worked out the wording and the  
30 agreement is going to the Union body for a vote. Director Perry asked if it  
31 was signed and Fire Chief Sommers said no the Board agreed and signed the  
32 tentative agreement and it is being presented to the Union body for a vote,  
33 then it will come back before the Board for a final signature. Chair McKay  
34 gave Captain Russell Barnum the floor to speak.

35 Captain Barnum said on behalf of everyone at Local 2139 and himself, he  
36 wanted the Board, Fire Chief Sommers and anyone in the audience to know  
37 how much of an honor it is to work with the best trained and most  
38 professional firefighters in Nevada if not the western states. Fire Chief  
39 Sommers has dedicated his life to the District and since 2017 there has been  
40 a lot of rebuilding in the District and the credit belongs to Fire Chief  
41 Sommers and the Board. Captain Barnum said on behalf of everyone at  
42 Local 2139 and himself they look forward to providing the level of service  
43 that the Board members, Fire Chief Sommers, and the people of North Lake  
44 Tahoe and Crystal Bay expect but more importantly that they deserve.

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2 **REPORTS**

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4 **\*Legal Counsel Reports:** None

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6 **\*Board of Directors' Comments/Reports:**

7 Chair McKay wanted to thank the Shift for the excellent care they provided  
8 to a church member with a torn aorta, they diagnosed it correctly, and  
9 transported him to Reno. His friend is walking around today due to the  
10 excellent work they do and he hears it a lot in the community.

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12 **\*Fire Chief Reports (Fire Chief, Ryan Sommers)**

13 Fire Chief Sommers said the Lake Tahoe Summit was held at Sand Harbor  
14 last weekend and he wanted to thank Chief Powning for attending on his  
15 behalf. The event went very well.

16 Fire Chief Sommers said as far as the ISO, the District is still waiting for the  
17 classification. The District's representative said he is pretty confident it will  
18 come back as a one rating, however it is not final yet.

19 It's been a busy year for fire season, at this point everyone is home and  
20 hopefully the fire season is dying down.

21 FEMA is putting out a nationwide alert testing the emergency alerts system  
22 on October 1, 2018.

23 Fire Chief Sommers said he has been asked again to be one of the  
24 evaluators for the SNPLAMA rounds and that it is a long tedious process.  
25 University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) is trying to raise money to keep the fire  
26 camera system going. Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation has made an  
27 announcement that they will provide a matching grant to help maintain  
28 them. UNR is trying running out of funds to maintain the system. Fire Chief  
29 Sommers said thank you to the Board members for their contributions to  
30 keep those cameras in place. Fire Chief Sommers said he would try to keep  
31 the word out about UNR still needing funds. He said the cameras really came  
32 in to play last year when Chief Powning was called to a fire in Midas and with  
33 the cameras viewpoint it made it very clear what resources were needed.

34 Fire Chief Sommers will be addressing the IVGID board on October 24, 2018  
35 on the Districts Fuels program and upcoming projects. Chair McKay asked  
36 for questions. Director Herron said the matching funds opportunity is still  
37 available. Business Manager Cary asked to what amount, and Director  
38 Herron said \$50,000 and she could provide a report if needed.

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40 **\*Chief Officers Report (Assistant Chief Calder)**

41 Assistant Chief Calder said the District is holding a trench rescue class in  
42 back of station 12 and that Captain Horan has worked coordinating the  
43 training project and with TRPA about getting the permits to move the dirt.  
44 Each Shift will get two days of intense trench training next week. He asked  
45 for questions. Director Bremer and Herron asked what days so they could

1 come and view the classes. Chair McKay asked Battalion Chief McClellan if he  
2 had anything to add. Battalion Chief McClellan said there would be one day  
3 of class and in the trenches on the second day, if they wanted to come  
4 watch the trench recuse training portion.

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6 **\*Fuels Management Reports (Division Chief, Isaac Powning)**

7 Division Chief Powning said the fire season will be winding down after Slide  
8 Mountain Crew gets back from the assignment. They are getting ready to  
9 leave for in Wyoming. The crews have been working in the Second Creek  
10 area and should have it finished by the end of this season. There are some  
11 areas up on Apollo, which formerly was thought to be IVGID land and  
12 controlled by the Forest Service, however now we have permission to go in  
13 and clean it up, so the crews will be up there as well. The crews are starting  
14 to get all the permits ready for the burn season. The fire cameras are also a  
15 great resource when it comes to showing where the smoke from our burns  
16 go in reference to the air quality permits required. Defensible space and  
17 chipping work is still going until October 15, 2018. Division Chief Powning  
18 said with all the fire activity this year our crews are getting a lot of praise on  
19 their training and how they handle themselves out in the field. They are  
20 getting a lot of training on everything such as night fires for the crews and  
21 the financial systems of the fires for Erick Rodriguez as financial personnel.  
22 Division Chief Powning asked for questions. Director Costalupes asked about  
23 the piles being brought to the street around town and if the District is behind  
24 that or are these people who have not signed up. Division Chief Powning  
25 said in the District we are caught up with the chipping but, in North Tahoe,  
26 there are still a few piles. Director Costalupes said he would take note of the  
27 addresses and let Division Chief Powning know which ones he is talking  
28 about. Division Chief Powning said some of those piles could be from a  
29 landscape company that has just not got back to chip them yet.

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31 **\*Business Manager Reports. (Business Manager, Sharon Cary)**

32 Business Manager Cary said she and her staff are getting ready for the audit.  
33 Business Manager Cary reminded everyone the November meeting is moved  
34 to November 28, 2018 due to the holidays. She said she has some  
35 preliminary numbers; the general fund is ahead of planned by 1.2 million,  
36 and the Ambulance fund is better than planned by almost .5 million.

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38 **\*Public Education Information Officer Reports. (Public Information  
39 Officer, Tia Rancourt)**

40 Public Information Officer Tia Rancourt said the District has started its flu  
41 vaccine program and they are \$30.00 to the public. The medic crews with  
42 FF/PM Schuster and Spieker were at the Incliner meeting last night and gave  
43 out approximately 20 vaccines.

44 Station tours for Fire Prevention week at the schools are coming up in  
45 October.

1 Working on the Paramedic Refresher at the Hyatt in November, the numbers  
2 are good so far and almost at capacity.

3 CPR number - the District did 86 classes for 427 student's total.

4 The stats on social media are Facebook got 3,400 likes, Instagram got 920  
5 followers, and Twitter got 675 retweets. These numbers show how the  
6 District is doing on Social Media as far as who is seeing the webpage and  
7 who is interested in what the District is doing. The webpage got 692 hits in  
8 August and discussed how the hits come from many different places.

9 Director Perry asked about swag and said central Lyon County has spinners.  
10 Director Perry said he did not want them rather he was just wanting to know  
11 how she decided what to buy what as swag. PIO Rancourt said she tries to  
12 get items which promote what the District is doing in the community.

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14 **\*Local 2139 Union Reports.** None

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

19 There were no public comments made at this time.

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21 **Meeting Adjournment.** Chair McKay adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

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Beckie Dunn-Spomer, Secretary

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Greg McKay, Chairman