**MURPHYS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**37 Jones Street – P.O. Box 1260**

**Murphys, CA 95247**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

**Robert Bliss, President; Thomas Scheller, Secretary; Linda Dreblow, Treasurer;**

**Robert Loeffler, Board Member; Kenneth Whisman, Board Member**

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**February 14, 2024**

**2:00 p.m.**

**58 Jones St. Murphys, Ca. 95247**

**(Training Center, Lower Level)**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Directors present: Loeffler, Whisman, Scheller.

Directors absent: Bliss, Dreblow (Director Dreblow entered the meeting at 2:10pm)

Staff Present: Chief Fullerton, Chief Mullin, FF Carlos, FF Contreras, Engineer C. Mullin, Captain H. Riedel.

1. **Oath of Office:** Directors Loeffler, Scheller, Dreblow, Whisman, Bliss.

After conversation it was determined that this is not needed at this time.

1. **Consent Calendar** 
   1. Minutes from Meetings:

Regular Meeting Minutes from January 10, 2024

Financial

B.1 Budget and Revenue Report – (January 2024)

B.2 General Ledger Balance Sheet – (January 2024)

* 1. District Stats (January 2024)

Motion to accept consent calendar: Whisman Seconder: Scheller

Ayes: (3) Nays: (0) Abstain: (0) Absent (2)

1. **Correspondence – None**
2. **Comments/Questions**
   1. Board Members -
   2. Staff/Firefighters - None
   3. Firefighters Association – Chief Fullerton shared that the association appreciation dinner is 2/24/2024 @5pm for social hour with dinner at 6pm.
3. **Public Comment - None**
4. **Committee Report -**
   1. Finance and Personnel - (Loeffler, Dreblow) Did meet and Chief Fullerton will cover in his administrative report.
   2. Wildland Preparedness - (Bliss, Scheller) Did not meet.
5. **Old Business – None**
6. **New Business**

A: Discussion Action: The board will review and may approve the attached estimate received from DKR Design for an upper retaining wall located at the training center/house.

Motion to discuss: Scheller Seconder: No second. As there is no second motion to discuss, the item dies.

(Director Dreblow was advised that since this is new business she is able to vote even though she arrived to the meeting late).

1. **Administrative Report:**

**Chief of Operations:** Chief Mullin reported that we are looking good. All apparatus is up and running. At some point it will be suggested that the fleet be reviewed to determine which vehicles are appropriate for the station and community needs. We may decide at some point to surplus some vehicles to thin the fleet.

**Chief of Training:** Chief Kovacs is not present due to the impending storms. Chief Fullerton shared that all is good on that front.

**Fire Chief:** Chief Fullerton reported that the Finance and Personnel committee did meet and discussed incident figures, the possible vacancy of Past President Bliss as well as the possibility of developing the second phase of the retaining wall project.

The Strategic Plan Workshop scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed due to inclement weather.

The new engine should be arriving next month.

CPPA Energy Efficiency Grant is complete.

We have begun making purchases for the RFC Grant. This is the 50/50 grant we apply for every year.

The sale tax measure voting is in March. Looks positive so far. A YouTube channel will be up and running in about three days. The Facebook page is up and running with 30,000 views to date. The last set of informational post cards will be sent next week.

We are working with Bret Harte High School CTE program. Rather than funds being transferred we will be receiving needed equipment purchased as instructional materials from the school. We will most likely start with items for the training center to make it more viable.

The weekend of June 1, 2024 we will be assisting the Red Cross in providing free smoke alarms to our communities.

The active shooter event will be at Ironstone on March 12, 2024. This will start at 0800.

The appreciation dinner is 02/24/24 with social hour at 5:00pm and dinner at 6:00pm.

We have hired 7 new overhead folks. They are currently in background checks. An area of specific interest is instructional staff for NWCG and State Fire Marshall classes.

1. **Adjournment –**

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Dreblow Seconder: Whisman

Ayes (4) Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent (1)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:21pm.

**Next Regular Board Meeting**

**March 13, 2024**

**@ 2:00 P.M.**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Fire Chief Bill Fullerton and Michele White, Administrative Assistant**