

MURPHYS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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Robert Bliss, President; Thomas Scheller, Secretary; Linda Dreblow, Treasurer;
Robert Loeffler, Board Member; Kenneth Whisman, Board Member.

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2022

2:00 P.M.

58 Jones St. Murphys, Ca. 95247
(Training Center, Lower Level)

I. Call to Order/Roll Call – 2:00 p.m.

President Robert Bliss called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

II. Consent Calendar – Discussion/Action

A. Minutes from Meetings:

Regular Meeting Minutes May 11, 2022

Financial

B.1 Budget and Revenue Report – (June 2022)

B.2 General Ledger Balance Sheet – (June 2022)

B. District Stats (May 2022)

A motion was made to approve the consent calendar as presented by Director Loeffler and Seconded by Director Dreblow.

Ayes: (4)

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1)

Abstention: (0)

III. Correspondence - None

IV. Comments/Questions

A. Board Members- None

B. Staff/Firefighters-None

C. Firefighters Association

Ironstones initial concert schedule has been released with three concerts so far and a target of 6.

V. **Public Comment- None**

VI. **Committee Report**

A. Finance and Personnel - (Loeffler, Dreblow)

Director Loeffler announced that the Committee had met, and the Chief would cover the highlights during his administrative report.

B. Wildfire Preparedness - (Scheller, Bliss)

Director Scheller reported that the committee did meet and decided to add 10 sprinklers each for two engines with 50' of hose. This item has been added to the next fiscal years budget. The sprinkler presentation was a little disappointing, no other Fire Departments or Calfire showed up.

VII. **Old Business - None**

VIII. **New Business:**

- A. **Discussion/Action:** The Board will discuss and may approve the preliminary fiscal year budget 2022-2023. The final budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 will be approved at the September board meeting which is the process followed in previous years.

A motion was made to approve the 2022-2023 preliminary budget as presented by Director Loeffler and Seconded by Director Dreblow. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: (4) Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Abstention: (0)

- B. **Discussion/Action:** The Board will discuss and may approve Resolution 2022-05 authorizing the Calaveras County Auditor's office to make appropriate budget transfers to close the fiscal year 2021-2022.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-05 as presented by Director Dreblow and Seconded by Director Loeffler. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: (4) Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Abstention: (0)

- C. **Discussion/Action:** The Board will discuss and may approve Resolution 2022-06 for the signature authorization form to conduct financial business for fiscal year 2022-2023.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-06 as presented by Director Loeffler and Seconded by Director Dreblow. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: (4)

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1)

Abstention: (0)

A. Administrative Report:

Chief of Operations:

Not present.

Fire Chief:

Finance and Personnel: Committee developed the preliminary budget for 2022-2023. Some highlights were a 5% inflationary raise for all hourly/salary personnel. The potential for 2 new utility vehicles, one that was slated for the current fiscal and one for the 2022-2023 fiscal year depending on fire season. Some improvements to the station including kitchen, carpet, and a patio out back. \$40,000 for the RFC 50-50 grant. Secretary recruitment documents are all complete and will be ready for the press today.

Our portion of the T.O.T. tax should be at least \$33,205 up from \$23,507 from last year. Our portion of Prop. 172 funds should be at least \$75,660 up from \$45,642 from last year.

*** Director Whisman entered the meeting at 2:23. ***

There is a very impressive fuel break being conducted south of Highway 4 from Pennsylvania Gulch Road to Forest Meadows that will have a significant influence in protecting that area.

The Fire Safe Council received approximately 1.4 million dollars in grant funding this year. Of particular interest to Murphys Fire is a District mapping project which will provide a map with structures, water sources, hydrants, and any other data we request. This map will be produced in paper form but also has a QR code for any responders to download to their electronic devices. The second project is the Door-to-Door Chipper Program which provides no cost chipping services to residents. Both projects will be starting in the next 60 days.

So far in 2022 we have filled 19 assignments for overhead in California, New Mexico and Arizona. We still have outstanding invoices in the total of about \$800,000 from the 2021 fire season. We have 4 potential applicants for overhead positions that are going through backgrounds.

All purchases have been made for 2022 RFC Grant; final report is due 6/30.

WT 242 is back and E-251 is back but has one more repair before being put into service.

Training Chief:

EMT started 6/1 and will go through 9/11. Wildland training has been completed. Chiefs Fullerton and Kovacs attended a training conducted by Resiliency 1st. This was an incredible training providing skill building for first responder mental health and wellness. Topics included yoga, nutrition, exercise, meditation, suicide awareness and many more. The District is working with this non-profit to provide a one- or two-day training in Calaveras County.

B. Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Director Loeffler and Director Dreblow at 3:06 PM.

Ayes: (5)

Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)

Abstention: (0)

**Next Regular Board Meeting
July 13, 2022
@ 2:00 P.M.**

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ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Fire Chief Bill Fullerton

