

MURPHYS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
37 Jones Street – P.O. Box 1260
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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 AGENDA

April 13, 2022

2:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

In attendance: President Robert Bliss, Robert Loeffler; Board Member, Ed Whisman; Board Member, Linda Dreblow; Board Member and Thomas Scheller; Board Member.

Absent: None

Staff in attendance: Chief Bill Fullerton, Assistant Chief Scott Mullin, Captain Hayden Riedel and Division Chief Steve Kovacs.

Guests in attendance: None

II. Consent Calendar – Discussion/Action

A. Minutes from Meetings:

Regular Meeting Minutes March 9, 2022

Financial

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

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

B. District Stats (February 2022)

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

Ayes: (5)

Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)

Abstention: (0)

III. Correspondence - None

IV. Comments/Questions

A. Board Members

Director Loeffler reminded the Board members due for election in 2022 that they cannot register with the Elections Department until July 18, 2022.

Director Scheller spoke to a resident who complimented Hayden Riedel for his professional and speedy response to a tree issue.

B. Staff/Firefighters- None

C. Firefighters Association

Chief Fullerton stated that Irish Days was a very successful event, at last count between booths and T-shirt sales we collected over \$18,000.00.

V. Public Comment- None

VI. Committee Report

A. Finance and Personnel - (Loeffler, Dreblow)

Committee did meet and Chief Mullin will have the report during the Operations Chief report.

B. Wildfire Preparedness - (Scheller, Bliss)

Director Scheller reported that the committee met, and the following questions were discussed:

Discuss exposed pvc water pipe entry into structures. May not be an issue with new construction as code requires copper pipe be used when entering building. Could be issue at pump house or outbuildings.

Discuss wood deck contact with structure.
No code requirement.

Discuss eave soffits
Plywood roof sheeting must be fire rated but on checking most all plywood is rated as class b.
What appears to be in use is ac exterior on exposed eave.

Discuss garage door weather strip to make ember proof
No code on weatherstrip for garage doors

Discuss location of plastic water tanks for fire protection.
Water tanks no longer required for property outside water district boundaries.


Previously installed tanks more than likely will not be used by fire department.

Discuss leaky gas stove at Gabby's cuisine, 260 Jones Street.

Problem will be looked into by building department and Murphys fire.

Discuss building street number or lack thereof. On Main Street.

Yes, this is a problem and building department will be contacting Murphys Fire with a plan to assign correct street numbers to divided buildings.

Discuss the possibility of requiring sheds and outbuildings be made fire  resistant.

Sheds are currently required to be fire resistant, but code is not enforced as most sheds are put in place without permit or inspection.

Director Scheller asked if the AG hydrants had been marked yet? Director Bliss will bring the AG maps in so Department personnel can mark the hydrants while doing maintenance.

Director Scheller is working with Ember Defense a community protection sprinkler company about bringing one of their stock trailers down for a demo. The Board agreed on either May 10 or May 24, Chief Fullerton suggested that Ember Defense may have a flyer that we can send out to other agencies in the County.

VII. Old Business - None

VIII. New Business

A. Discussion/Action: The Board will discuss and may approve Resolution 2022-01 approving the surplus of a 1997 Wells Cargo enclosed ATV trailer listed on the Surplus Property Form (enclosed).

This item was tabled due to being listed with the wrong Resolution number.

A. Discussion/Action: The Board will discuss and may approve a temporary increase to the district's payroll account from \$200,000 to \$500,000. This increase will enable the district to reimburse the overhead folks much quicker than is currently possible.

A motion was made to approve the raise in the district's payroll account as presented by Director Loeffler and Seconded by Director Dreblow.

Ayes: (5)

Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)

Abstention: (0)

A. Discussion/Action: The Board will discuss and may approve resolution 2022-02 approving consolidation of the election of officers with the general election to be held on 11/08/2022.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-02 as presented by Director Dreblow and Seconded by Director Loeffler.

Ayes: (5)

Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)

Abstention: (0)

A. Administrative Report:

Chief of Operations:

Chief Mullin reported that the Chiefs attended a Fire Season kick off cooperators meeting today. Many local, private, state and federal agencies were in attendance. Discussed during the meeting included the new Calfire Black Hawk helicopter being put into service. Columbia Helitack Base will also have an additional Chinook Helicopter available. Experts are predicting an accelerated fire season time frame. Door yard burning may transition to permits earlier than May 1 or worst-case scenario burning could be suspended.

Chief Mullin mentioned that we have lost two personnel to Calfire for the summer. Collin Schwartz is working his first solo shift as an Acting Engineer.

Fire Chief:

The CPPA Grant is moving along nicely. The energy efficiency company was unable to do their evaluation before the April CPPA meeting so we should be on the June agenda for approval. Most of the items on the 2022 RFC Grant have been purchased, we are compiling a list of needs for the 2023 RFC Grant. Our overhead team is up to 26 participants. We have three new volunteers in backgrounds. Chief Fullerton and Chief Kovacs attended the FDAC Annual Conference last week which provides training and education to Board Members and Chief Officers. Chief Fullerton highly recommended Board Members attend next year. Tomorrow marks the 1-year anniversary of the Chiefs hiring, he will need performance evaluations done by the Board. Director Loeffler announced that he would distribute evaluations to the Board.

Training Chief:

Chief Kovacs reported that personnel are ramping up their wildland refresher training which will include 8 weeks of instruction. Murphys Fire will be hosting a strike team/task force leader class at the end of the month.

B. Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Director Whisman and Seconded by Director Scheller.

Ayes: (5)

Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)

Abstention: (0)

Next Regular Board Meeting

May 11, 2022

@ 2:00 P.M.

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ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Michele White