

MURPHYS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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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 MINUTES

August 10, 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.

Director Loeffler called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

In attendance: Robert Loeffler; Board Member, Linda Dreblow; Board Member and Thomas Scheller; Board Member.

Absent: President Robert Bliss and Director Whisman

Staff in attendance: Chief Bill Fullerton, Hayden Riedel, and Assistant Chief Steve Kovacs.

Director Loeffler suggested a change in the agenda to allow item A under New Business moved up to prior to the consent calendar. Dana Nichols provided a brief presentation to the Board and all present giving information on Measure A, the 1 cent sales tax that will be on the ballot for County Fire Services. Presentation concluded at 2:37 PM.

II. Consent Calendar – Discussion/Action

A. Minutes from Meetings:

Regular Meeting Minutes July 6, 2022

Financial

B.1 Budget and Revenue Report – (August 4, 2022)

B.2 General Ledger Balance Sheet – (August 4, 2022)

B. District Stats (July 2022)

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

Chief Fullerton reported that there was an issue with the Reserve Balances not being on the County reports.

Ayes: (3)

Nays: (0)

Absent: (2)

Abstention: (0)

III. Correspondence - None

IV. Comments/Questions

A. Board Members

Director Scheller felt it was important to add additional funds for public education. Director Scheller inquired as to why Training Stats were incomplete in the packet. Assistant Chief Kovacs reported that we just don't have anyone to input the data right now, this will get rectified with the new secretary. Director Scheller also would like to see the station and training center cleared of vegetation. Director Scheller also asked why the sign isn't being utilized in front of the training center, Chief Fullerton stated that the cover is broken but Gateway Press is working on a new cover as this one is broken.

B. Staff/Firefighters-None

C. Firefighters Association-None

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 the following:

The Committee met on July 19, 2022. Present was Director Scheller, President Bliss and Chief Fullerton were present.

Items discussed was ag hydrant marking progress, Captain Riedel reported that he was continuing to mark them. The fire sprinklers have arrived and now we need to develop the training program.

VII. Old Business - None

VIII. New Business

- A. **Discussion:** Dana Nichols will be presenting on Measure A, the Public Safety Sales Tax Measure. (Item moved)
- B. **Discussion/Action:** The Board will discuss and may approve the Wildfire Preparedness letter to be used in the communities of Murphys, Douglas Flat and Vallecito. (attached)

A motion was made to approve the Wildfire Preparedness letter as presented by Director Dreblow and Seconded by Director Scheller.

Director Loeffler stated he liked the content of the letter; he realizes that the dates will change to be appropriate to when the visit has happened. Assistant Chief Kovacs suggested we vet the letter through legal counsel. Original motion was withdrawn

Ayes: (3)

Nays: (0)

Absent: (2)

Abstention: (0)

A. Administrative Report:

Chief of Operations: None

Fire Chief:

Chief Fullerton reported that the Finance Committee did meet. Items discussed were the lack of reserves showing up on our County Balance sheets. Also, the Secretary recruitment was discussed, we received three applications and have ordered a computer for the office so they can perform their employment testing. Once the technology is up, we will be able to schedule interviews and testing.

Chief Fullerton reported that we currently have two engines on fires. We also have approximately 12 overhead personnel assigned to fires with another 6 leaving in the next couple days.

The CPPA Grant to convert our Main Station to full HVAC rather than swamp coolers and floor heating was approved in its entirety, totaling \$23,275.00. This will cover nearly all the expenses besides potentially some electrical updates.

Announcements for the Rural Fire Capacity Grant will be coming out this month. This is the 50/50 grants for PPE related items.

The Contractor Tom sent over for the retaining wall and the generator project has been by and will provide a quote soon.

The small utility trailer that we surplused was purchased for \$1,200.00, we surplused it for \$500.00 so we did well, especially for a trailer that was donated.

Training Chief:

Assistant Chief Kovacs reported that the summer EMT class is winding down and we have two people enrolled. The High School CTE program will be starting back up for the High School. Spring classes will be scheduled soon as well as the normal annual training.

B. Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Director Dreblow and Director Loeffler at 3:20 PM.

Ayes: (4)

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1)

Abstention: (0)

Next Regular Board Meeting

July 13, 2022

@ 2:00 P.M.

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ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Fire Chief Bill Fullerton