

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

July 6, 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.

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, Hayden Riedel, and Division Chief Steve Kovacs.

II. Consent Calendar – Discussion/Action

A. Minutes from Meetings:

Regular Meeting Minutes June 15, 2022

Financial

B.1 Budget and Revenue Report – (June 30, 2022)

B.2 General Ledger Balance Sheet – (June 30, 2022)

B. District Stats (June 30, 2022)

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

Ayes: (5)

Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)

Abstention: (0)

III. Correspondence - None

IV. Comments/Questions

- A. Board Members- None
- B. Staff/Firefighters-None
- C. Firefighters Association

T-shirt sales at the Ironstone Fireworks show were very good, its estimated they sold about \$4,000 worth.

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:

Present for the meeting was Chief Fullerton, Chief Mullin, Director Bliss, and Director Scheller.

1. Bob brought plans of ag water system, and suggested we draw plans for sprinkler systems that could be connected to ag system. After discussion we decided the district was not yet ready for this type of system as Calfire was not yet interested in sprinklers.
2. Discussed the fact that there is no community nor fire district interested in making any changes to structure protections. So, the one small step we could take is put 10 gutter mount sprinklers on two engines, draw up a training schedule with deployment plan and then invite Calfire to see the advantages of using sprinkler for structure protection. Maybe this action could draw some interest. Sprinklers should be purchased during month of July.
3. Jim Riggs has offered his buildings for sprinkler training.
4. Discussed the possibility of putting on workshops at training center for home hardening but decided no staff was available during fire season.
5. Discussed putting home hardening ideas on our sign. Tom gave Bill some suggestions.
6. Discussed the problem of home and lot owners not preparing their properties for wildfire. Main obstruction is the fact that many owners are absentee. And are not necessarily aware of the danger or have no interest. Despite the fact the district has sent an information packet to every P.O. Box holder and hand delivered a packet to almost all businesses in town. We

decided it was time we reviewed our ordinance and sent a letter to owners of neglected properties. Bill to draft letter for board approval. Suggested using engine personnel or overhead staff to identify properties.

7. Discussed hydrant marking, ag or domestic. Bill mentioned now that he has ag water plan, he can start the marking process.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15.

VII. Old Business - None

VIII. New Business - None

A. Administrative Report:

Chief of Operations:

WT 242 is assigned to the Electra incident. All modification and repairs have been completed. The Ironstone Firework event went well, there was an estimated 4,000 people in attendance. Chief Mullin took a strike team to the Rices fire which included two Calaveras County engines and three Tahoe Basin engines. Many injuries and broken equipment due to terrain etc. The budgeted purchase of two utilities is on hold until probably October based on manufacturers availability of State Contract vehicles.

Fire Chief:

The Finance and Personnel Committee met prior to the Board Meeting and reviewed the Districts Financial Reports. The Committee approved the purchase of three tablets in the amount of \$3,500, these tablets will be placed in the three first out apparatus and will aid personnel with incident reports and electronic mapping. The Committee approved a hose repair tool in the amount of \$6,000.00, Vallecito Conservation Camp no longer repairs hose so this will give us the ability to repair hose for not only our agency but any agency in need. The Committee discussed the formulation of a plan to perform upgrades at Station #1, the Committee will try to have an estimate for the next Board Meeting.

Secretary position was advertised in the Calaveras Enterprise, Union Democrat, Mymotherlode.com and the Pinetree.net. 7 applications have been given out with two being returned so far. Applications close 7/15/22.

We still have outstanding invoices in the total of about \$800,000 from the 2021 fire season.

The energy efficiency company has completed their energy study on The Main Station and the Officers' Quarters. The calculations for the HVAC at the Station was agreed upon but the Officers' Quarters didn't calculate out. The Grant application was submitted and will go before the CPPA Board on July 8, 2022. The total grant would be approximately \$23,000 if approved.

Ag hydrants have begun to be marked, they will be marked with brown tops for non-potable water and the outlets will be marked based on their GPM.

Chief Fullerton will be attending the National Fire Academy New Executive Leader class in Emmetsburg Maryland from July 9-16, 2022.

Training Chief:

Annual wildland refresher training has been completed. Murphys Fire performs about 20 hours of wildland refresher training compared to many Districts that may only perform a few hours annually. The Wildfire Preparedness Committee met to discuss how to move forward with an in-house sprinkler training program for the engines that will be complimented with structure protection sprinklers.

B. Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Director Dreblow and Director Loeffler at 2:22 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