

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

December 14, 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 Bliss called the meeting to order at 2:01 P.M.

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

Absent: Director Whisman

Staff in attendance: Chief Bill Fullerton, Assistant Chief Steve Kovacs, and Assistant Chief Scott Mullin.

II. Consent Calendar – Discussion/Action

A. Minutes from Meetings:

Regular Meeting Minutes November 9, 2022

Financial

B.1 Budget and Revenue Report – (December 8, 2022)

B.2 General Ledger Balance Sheet – (December 8, 2022)

B. District Stats (November 2022)

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

Director Scheller asked what Object Code 5701 Capital Expenditures was for? Chief Fullerton stated that was an expense account for capital improvement/purchases like vehicles, the retaining wall project and station upgrades. Director Scheller asked why the retaining wasn't

budgeted in Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds Object Code 5201, Chief Fullerton stated that these items are not maintenance project.

Ayes: (4)

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1)

Abstention: (0)

III. Correspondence – None

IV. Comments/Questions

A. Board Members

Director Loeffler discussed that the reason there are no training hours to report is since we have no one currently to input the records into our management software.

B. Staff/Firefighters

None

C. Firefighters Association

Chief Kovacs reported that the Executive Board has had several meetings to discuss plans for next year's budget, fundraising, etc.

V. Public Comment

VI. Committee Report

A. Finance and Personnel - (Loeffler, Dreblow)

Director Loeffler explained that the committee did meet, and Chief Fullerton would give an update during his administrative report.

B. Wildfire Preparedness - (Scheller, Bliss)

Committee did not meet however, Director Scheller explained that the retaining wall project Plans are currently being reviewed at the County Building Department.

VII. Old Business – None

VIII. New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: The Board will discuss and may approve the purchase of two (2) Dodge Ram 2500 trucks each costing \$61,737.88 for a total cost of \$123,475.76. The purchase of these trucks was approved in the 2022-2023 final budget.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of (2) Dodge Ram 2500 trucks as presented by Director Loeffler and Seconded by Director Dreblow.

Director Scheller asked why we chose ¾ ton pick-ups and what they will be used for? Chief Fullerton stated that ¾ vehicle are much more user friendly for Fire Assignments to haul

equipment and hose and the vehicles were purchased to replace two aging vehicles that we have since sold. When these vehicles are not being used in District for duty officer coverage, they will be with overhead personnel on fire assignments.

Ayes: (4)

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1)

Abstention: (0)

- B. Discussion/Action: The Board will discuss and may approve the Invitation to Bid for the HVAC contractor pursuant to the Calaveras Public Power Agency's requirements as this project is funded by a grant received from them.

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

Ayes: (4)

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1)

Abstention: (0)

- C. Discussion/Action: The Board will discuss and may approve resolution 2022-09 approving the surplus of property listed on the attached surplus property/material form.

A motion was made to approve resolution 2022-09 as presented by Director Loeffler and Seconded by Director Dreblow.

Ayes: (4)

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1)

Abstention: (0)

A. Administrative Report:

Chief of Operations:

Routine month, everything is in good shape.

Chief of Training:

2023 training schedule for Tuesdays and monthly training are complete and being reviewed by the Chief and Operations Chief.

Fire Chief:

The Personnel/Finance Committee met, and they discussed the Independent Audit which was performed 11/18/22, Michele attended the Audit, and it went very well.

Secretary interviews and testing was performed 11/30/22. Two of the three candidates participated, neither candidate was chosen.

Discussed potential future capital improvement projects such as Station 1 parking lot and upgrading the Station 1 sleeping quarters.

Measure A the 1% sales tax for Calaveras County Fire Services did not pass, the total yes votes were just over 49% failing by approximately 250 votes. As a side note the tax did pass in our jurisdiction but not Forest Meadows.

We received notice from the Elections Department that the three Board members who ran unopposed have been appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Oath of offices will be on the January Board Meeting.

We opened applications for the overhead team on 12/1/22 and will close on 1/31/23. Interviews and resume reviews will follow. We currently have 7 new applicants, the total number of folks we will take on depends solely on what the individual can offer the district outside of fire season. The Chiefs have been delegating projects to qualified overhead personnel, project include website and email development, training, Policy development, grant writing, OSHA compliancy, radio repair and programming, etc.

All items on the Rural Fire Capacity Grant have been ordered. This grant is the 50/50 grant we get from Calfire for personal protective equipment and firefighting gear.

Director Scheller asked if Chief Fullerton had given any more thought to raise our required dollar amount that triggers bids. Chief Fullerton stated that it had been discussed at the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting and we needed more clarification on what was required to accomplish it and remain compliant.

B. Adjournment –

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Director Loeffler and seconded by Director Dreblow at 2:35 PM.

Ayes: (4)

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1)

Abstention: (0)

**Next Regular Board Meeting
January 11, 2023
@ 2:00 P.M.**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Fire Chief Bill Fullerton
District Secretary Michele White**