

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

October 26, 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 2:00 PM.

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

Absent: N/A

Staff in attendance: Chief Bill Fullerton via phone and Captain Hayden Riedel in person.

II. Consent Calendar – Discussion/Action

A. Minutes from Meetings:

Regular Meeting Minutes September 21, 2022

Financial

B.1 Budget and Revenue Report – (October 7, 2022)

B.2 General Ledger Balance Sheet – (October 7, 2022)

B. District Stats (September 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)

C. Correspondence – Chief Fullerton discussed a letter from Michele White (District Secretary) expressing thanks to the Fire District for their support during her husband’s recent health issues.

III. Comments/Questions

- A. Board Members - Director Scheller reported that the generator for the Training Center has been completed and it is operable and ready for the winter. Directors Scheller and Loeffler discussed issue regarding the Witch Walk in downtown Murphys. Many complaints were discussed including street blockages, inebriated guests, and the fact that the event was not permitted.
- B. Staff/Firefighters- None
- C. Firefighters Association- None

IV. Public Comment - None

V. Committee Report

- A. Finance and Personnel - (Loeffler, Dreblow)

Did not meet.
- B. Wildfire Preparedness - (Scheller, Bliss)

Did not meet.

VI. Old Business - None

VII. New Business –

- A. Discussion/Action: The Board will discuss and may approve forwarding the Wildfire Preparedness Letter (attached) to County Council for review prior to implementation.

Chief Fullerton reminded the Board that this letter had already been approved at last month's meeting, but it was suggested to have legal counsel review it prior to using it. Our legal counsel recommended we send it to County Counsel. County Counsels only recommendation was to remove the statement "to achieve our goals", otherwise they were happy with it. Chief Fullerton will instruct staff to start utilizing the letter when available and appropriate.

A. Administrative Report:

Chief of Operations: Chief Mullin is on assignment, no report.

Fire Chief: Chief Fullerton reported that the fire season has been extremely busy, on the Mosquito Fire alone we had 36 different employees working on the incident at one point or another. Currently Chief Fullerton, Chief Mullin and Chief Kovacs are all assigned as well as multiple overhead personnel. Chief Fullerton was very proud of Murphys Fires presence at the incident, it has become obvious to the management teams how valued the experience and professionalism from our personnel has been, we are creating quite a reputation. This fire season may be even busier than last year due to the overhead staff.

Training Chief: Chief Kovacs is on assignment, no report.

B. Adjournment –

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Director Dreblow and Director Loeffler at 2:36 PM.

Ayes: (5)

Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)

Abstention: (0)

Next Regular Board Meeting

November 9, 2022

@ 2:00 P.M.

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