**MURPHYS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**37 Jones Street – P.O. Box 1260**

**Murphys, CA 95247**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

**Robert Loeffler, President; Thomas Scheller, Vice President; Linda Dreblow, Treasurer;**

**Kenneth Whisman, Board Member**

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**May 8, 2024**

**2:00 p.m.**

**58 Jones St. Murphys, Ca. 95247**

**(Training Center, Lower Level)**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Directors present: Loeffler, Dreblow, Scheller.

Director Whisman entered the meeting at 2:10 pm.

Staff present: Chief Fullerton, Chief Mullin, Chief Kovacs, Captain Riedel, Engineer Chris Mullin, FF Louie Pacheco, FF Daniel Carlos, Administrative Assistant Michele White.

1. **Consent Calendar** 
   1. Minutes from Meetings:

Regular Meeting Minutes from April 10, 2024

Financial

B.1 Budget and Revenue Report – (April 2024)

B.2 General Ledger Balance Sheet – (April 2024)

* 1. District Stats (April 2024)

Motion to approve the consent calendar: Dreblow Seconder: Scheller

Ayes (3) Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent (1)

The board voted unanimously to approve the consent calendar.

1. **Correspondence –** None
2. **Comments/Questions**
   1. Board Members – Director Dreblow questioned items on the budget that were unfamiliar. Chief Fullerton explained that these new object codes are pertaining to the new tax measure.
   2. Staff/Firefighters - None
   3. Firefighters Association - None
3. **Public Comment –** Mr. Dan Marchetti and Mr. John Parks both introduced themselves to the board as they are interested in filling the vacancy currently on the board. Chief Fullerton suggested scheduling a special meeting to further interview and evaluate the candidates. Special meeting is scheduled for 5/14/2024 at 2 pm.
4. **Committee Report -**
   1. Finance and Personnel - (Loeffler, Dreblow) Did meet and Chief Fullerton will discuss during his administrative report.
   2. Wildland Preparedness - (Scheller) Did not meet.
5. **Old Business – None**
6. **New Business**
   1. Discussion/Action: The Board will discuss and may approve the preliminary fiscal year budget 2024-2025 and sign the recommended budget attestation form required by the county.

Motion to approve the preliminary fiscal year budget 2024-2025: Dreblow Seconder: Scheller

Ayes (4) Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent (0)

The board voted unanimously to approve the preliminary budget.

* 1. Discussion/Action: The Board will discuss and may approve Resolution 2024-02 for the signature authorization form in order to conduct financial business for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Motion to discuss resolution 2024-02: Dreblow Seconder: Scheller

Ayes (4) Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent (0)

The board voted unanimously to approve resolution 2024-02.

* 1. Discussion/Action: The Board will discuss and may approve Resolution 2024-03 requesting consolidation of the district’s election.

Motion to discuss resolution 2024-03: Scheller Seconder: Dreblow

Ayes (4) Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent (0)

The board voted unanimously to approve resolution 2024-03.

* 1. Discussion/Action: The Board will discuss and may approve Resolution 2024-04 authorizing Calaveras County to make the appropriate budget transfers to close out fiscal year 2023-2024.

Motion to discuss resolution 2024-04: Dreblow Seconder: Scheller

Ayes (4) Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent (0)

The board voted unanimously to approve resolution 2024-04.

1. **Closed Session - Cancelled**
   1. Pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 Evaluation of Letter of

Intent received from Mr. John Parks regarding the current Board vacancy.

Closed session was cancelled as it was determined to be unnecessary.

1. **Return to Open Session - None**
2. **Administrative Report:**

**Chief of Operations:** Chief Mullin reported that the district received 45 calls last month which is slightly down from this time last year. We did have a paper shred truck that caught fire on 4/20/2024 which kept us fairly busy. Chief Mann, Rich Lokey and myself met on May 3rd to evaluate the fleet for current maintenance needs. Looking pretty good currently. Have a few repairs coming up but will do that during our winter season. Leadership meeting yesterday regarding the new engine and which vehicles to keep or which ones to surplus. Annual co-op meeting was last week with Cal-Fire. We discussed what the potential fire season could look like. Should be an average year. All aircraft will be in Columbia on 5/13/2024 including air attack, helicopter and 2 tankers. We will be available this year. There will be no night aircraft at Columbia since it is not a 24-hour base. Night helicopters will come from Alma or Hollister air bases. One C-130 is available at McClellan. Others will come online as more are retrofitted with the new retardant system.

Troops on the ground will have to be more diligent listening to the radio and to make sure they clear of the drop zones due to the large volumes of retardant in the new aircraft. 2000 gallons from the Fire Hawks and 4000 gallons from the C-130.

We have nearly completed our wildland preparations, training, equipment, maintenance, and apparatus.

**Chief of Training:** Chief Kovacs reported that the CHP is using the upstairs classroom today and that is the reason for all the noise. The district is almost done with our annual wildland refresher training. We are currently updating and revamping the training folders for all personnel. About half of our Overhead Division attended the annual IMT workshop in Sacramento a few weeks ago. We are purchasing 60 new chairs for the classroom upstairs. The funding for this purchase is coming from the high school CTE fire tech program. Annual Overhead division training took place last month with everyone in attendance.

**Fire Chief:** Chief Fullerton reported that the primary conversation during the finance meeting was the preliminary budget. Also discussed were personnel issues and potential capital improvement projects. There was discussion regarding the new engine as well.

We have picked up 4 folks that have recently graduated from the academy. One is already an EMT and 3 are currently enrolled in the EMT program. We have also received an application that is being reviewed.

The retaining was is complete for now.

There will be incident management team workshops in the near future.

We are working on an apparatus replacement program.

1. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Dreblow Seconder: Whisman

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm.

**Next Regular Board Meeting**

**June 12, 2024**

**@ 2:00 P.M.**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Fire Chief Bill Fullerton and Michele White, Administrative Assistant**