

DUNSMUIR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

March 21st, 2023

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Board Members Present: Russell Elgin, Robert Hubbard, Jimmy Palmer

Board Members Absent: Robert Clark, Shirley Mei

Others Present: Dan Padilla (Fire Chief), Tamara Braden (District Secretary)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Minutes from the meetings on February 21st, 2023 were presented and reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented was made by Palmer and seconded by Hubbard. Vote: 3-0-0-2

4. Old Business: None

5. New Business: DFPD received a payment from City of Dunsmuir for the Mill Fire in the amount of \$2,693.67.

6. Communication & Bills:

a. Warrant #1 - City of Dunsmuir January 2023 Invoice - \$7,265.12

b. Warrant #2 – 2023 March Board Payroll - \$60.00

c. Warrant #3 – District Secretary Payroll - \$ 1,937.70

d. Journal Voucher – 1st Quarter Payroll Taxes - \$193.26

Board approved the payment of bills in the amount of \$9,456.08. Motion to approve was made by Palmer and seconded by Hubbard. Vote: 3-0-0-2

7. Commissioner's Report - None

8. Fire Chief's Report – Chief Dan Padilla reported that the District responded to the following calls:

Vegetation Fires – 1

Structure Fires – 4

Other Fires – 4

Traffic Accidents – 3

Medical Calls – 27

Hazardous Conditions – 1

Public Assists – 6

Total - 46

Chief Padilla reported that he completed a FEMA grant that would provide 100% of the funding for 4 firefighters for 3 years. The average age of the District's firefighters is 57, and the District would benefit from recruiting and retaining new firefighters. FEMA issues the grant as "fully loaded" to capture all costs associated with employment, so the District should plan to add up to \$1.2 million over the course of 3 years to our budget projections for payroll. Chief Padilla noted that housing issues related to high number of short term rentals in the community makes a challenge to draw in new employees and this grant could help incentivize growth for the District.

9. Public to Address – None

10. Announcements - None

11. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn was made by Palmer and seconded by Hubbard. Vote: 3-0-0-2

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm

Next meeting is April 18th, 2023