**-DUNSMUIR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**5902 Dunsmuir Avenue**

**DUNSMUIR, CA 96025**

**MINUTES - September 17th, 2024**

1. Call to order – Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Board Members Present: Russell Elgin, Shirley Mei, Jimmy Palmer; Board Members Absent: Robert Clark; Others Present: Tamara Braden, Dan Padilla.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Reading and approval of the minutes from the meeting on August 27th, 2024 – Jimmy Palmer motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Shirley Mei. Vote: 3-0-1-0

4. Old Business: None

5. New Business: Approve Siskiyou County Final Budget for FY 24/25 – Jimmy Palmer motioned to approve Resolution # 09-2024 to adopt the Final Budget for Siskiyou County FY 24/25, seconded by Shirley Mei. Vote: 3-0-1-0

6. Communication & Bills:

 a. Warrant # 1 – City of Dunsmuir August 2024 Invoice – not received at the time of the meeting

 b. Warrant # 2 – District Board Payroll - $60.00

 c. Warrant # 3 – District Secretary Payroll, Federal Payroll Tax Deposit - $645.90

 d. Journal Voucher – State Payroll Tax August 2024 - $26.40 Jimmy Palmer motioned to approve the payment of bills as presented, seconded by Shirley Mei. Vote: 3-0-1-0

7. Commissioner's Report – Russell Eglin inquired about what a Fire Wise Community involves, and Dan Padilla explained that a community may be eligible to receive a 10% discount on their fire insurance if the entire community complies with the requirements of the program. Homes must be “hardened” with building materials (concrete boards over wood, stucco, etc.) and metal roofing. Vegetation must be cleared within 0-5 feet of homes. This program is to include unincorporated areas in addition to city limits. Cal Fire, State Fire Marshals, Fire Safe Council to evaluate properties and assist property owners to become compliant. The community has 3 years to achieve program goals or discount will be removed. There will be a place on the city website to log hours of work done to reduce fuels, shown as an in-kind contribution to achieving program goals.

8. Fire Chief's Report – Fire Chief Dan Padilla informed the Board that the Fire District received the following calls during the month of August: 3 – Vegetation Fires 2 – Structure Fires 9 – Other 3 – Traffic Accidents 31 – Medical Assists 1 – Hazardous Situation 3 – Public Assists 2 – Other Total = 54 Chief Padilla informed the Board that he had received complaints that the State has allowed properties to become overgrown. Chief Padilla inspected the areas and notified Cal Fire. He said that there is grant money left to do vegetation removal on State property. Chief Padilla also informed the Board that the District will be receiving another 50/50 grant for $20,000 with Mount Shasta for the purchase of new turn-outs. OHSA requirements are still under review.

9. Public to Address - None

10. Announcements - None

11. Adjournment - meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.