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Tim Hornbuckle
John Reyes
Matt Cotter

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David Garrison

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Sherrill Jenkins

DUNNIGAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Fire Station Training Hall
August 14, 2025

6:30 P.M- Call to Order

Chairperson Anita Tatum called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. Present were fellow Commissioners; Neil Busch, and John Reyes. Commissioner Hornbuckle arrived later at 7:14. **Absent:** Matt Cotter

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Agenda
   - Approve the August 14th meeting agenda.

   MO# 26-07: Approved the August 14th meeting agenda.
   Motion: Neil Busch **Second:** John Reyes **Ayes:** Tatum, Busch, Reyes **Absent:** Cotter, Hornbuckle

3. Public Comments - No comments made.

4. Public Correspondence/ Discussion about correspondence received- None

5. Approval of the July 17th meeting minutes.

   MO# 26-08: Approved the July 17th meeting minutes.
   Motion: John Reyes **Second:** Neil Busch **Ayes:** Tatum, Busch, Reyes **Absent:** Cotter, Hornbuckle

6. Approval of the bills submitted for payment.

   MO# 26-09: Approved bills processed for payment since last meeting.
   Motion: Tim Hornbuckle **Second:** John Reyes **Ayes:** Tatum, Busch, Reyes, Hornbuckle **Absent:** Cotter

7. Reports, Discussion and Action Items from the District Fire Chief
   a. Chief's Report (See Attached)

8. Action Items and Reports from Board of Commissioners

   a. Discussion and possible action to enter into contact with SCI Consulting, to attempt a 2nd Prop 218 Benefit Assessment.
      - Chief Garrison stated he has had discussions with local property owners about the need to try for a 2nd attempt at a Prop 218 Benefit Assessment, where he as identified ideas and concerns that if addressed may lead to a successful outcome. He will contact SCI Consulting to discuss the

ability to incorporate these ideas and address the noted concerns, and bring back the information to the Board at the next meeting.

b. Update on proposed CFD, CSA, CSD, or other "New Development" agreements.

Chief Garrison stated he hadn't heard any progress on the Smith Development and that he may be pulling the plug on the project.

c. Budget Status update and any concerns
- Increase in CA minimum wage to $16.90 starting Jan 1, 2026. The existing pay rate of $400 per 24 hr shift is $16.67.

After discussion that some firefighters would be receiving a wage increase of 2% to meet minimum wage, it was agreed that all firefighters should receive a 2% wage increase to be fair to all.

d. Update on the new septic system- Chief Garrison
- Chief Garrison stated he had not received any options from Engineer Ruben Oropeza. Secretary Jenkins said she would call and keep calling until we receive something.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN - The next regular meeting will be held on September 11th at the Fire Station Training Hall.

MO# 26-10: Adjourned the August 14th Meeting at 8:03 pm.
Motion: Neil Busch **Second:** Tim Hornbuckle **Ayes:** Tatum, Busch, Reyes, Hornbuckle
Absent: Cotter

Chairperson: _____

Sherrill Jenkins, Secretary: _____

ATTACHMENT

Dunnigan Fire Protection District Commissioners Meeting Chiefs Report 8/14/25.

- Dotti Prichard running for supervisor – provided introduction and discussion at Chiefs Association meeting.
- Commercial Inspections – Received list of facilities from Yolo County. Working with JOA chiefs to develop a program that holds similar to JOA member departments.
- Auto Repair shop on 99w, people living in RV's with illegal septic and electrical, Bonfire Motel on 99w are all on code enforcements radar and they are working closely with me to reach solutions.
- Community Task Force headed by Deputy Ingman is still moving forward, many obstacles are present and due to recent events more have risen.
- Mental Health Crisis Unit from AMR – Intended to keep fire units in service and take over mental health work load.
- Engine 12 push in ceremony was successful
- 40 calls in July – 289 for the year. (Esparto – 349, Yolo – 239, Willow Oak – 367, Arbuckle – 284)
- Attempting 218 should provide 2 more cycles of 1 time funding.
- Recommend to not sign SCI Contract yet. I would like to meet and discuss some possibilities before full commitment.