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DUNNIGAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Fire Station Training Hall
April 9, 2026

6:30 P.M- Call to Order

Chairperson Anita Tatum called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Present were fellow Commissioners; Neil Busch, Matt Cotter. **Absent:** John Reyes, Tim Hornbuckle

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Approve the **April 9th** meeting agenda.

MO# 26-51: Approved the April 9th meeting agenda.

Motion: Neil Busch **Second:** Matt Cotter **Ayes:** Tatum, Busch, Cotter **Absent:** Reyes, Tim Hornbuckle

3. Public Comments - None
4. Public Correspondence/ Discussion about correspondence received- None
5. Approval of the March 11th meeting minutes.

MO# 26-50: Approved the March 11th regular meeting minutes.

Motion: Neil Busch **Second:** Matt Cotter **Ayes:** Tatum, Busch, Cotter **Absent:** Reyes, Tim Hornbuckle s

6. Approval of the bills submitted for payment.

MO# 26-51: Approved bills processed for payment since last meeting.

Motion: Neil Busch **Second:** Matt Cotter **Ayes:** Tatum, Busch, Cotter **Absent:** Reyes, Tim Hornbuckle

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

- In addition to the attachment, for compliance purposes, Chief Garrison is preparing for our 2nd round of PPE purchasing for wildland gear for about \$13,000 for 22 sets.
- Grass 12 is still out of service with an engine knock.
- Holding interviews for entry level firefighters, for non-paying positions.

Dunnigan Fire April 9th Agenda (cont.)

- Chief Garrison discussed the moving of the Internet and phone line from AT&T to T-Mobile. Cost will be an initial \$1000, and then \$30 a month thereafter. The move will provide greater connectivity. Officers will carry satellite phones.
- He also stated he is applying for 2 silo grants provided by Nationwide Auto Insurance, which would provide for silo rescue equipment.

b. Proposal for submitting for the Cal Fire Volunteer Firefighter Capacity grant.

MO# 26-52: Approved Chief Garrison to apply for the Cal Fire Volunteer Firefighter Capacity 50/50 grant of up to \$20,000, with the district share amounting to about \$10,000. Also authorizes Chief Garrison to sign the agreement on behalf of the Dunnigan Fire Protection District.

Motion: Anita Tatum **Second:** Neil Bush **Ayes:** Tatum, Busch, Cotter **Absent:** Reyes, Tim Hornbuckle

8. Action Items and Reports from Board of Commissioners

- a. Update on progress with the Prop 218 Benefit Assessment.
1. Discussion and updates to include the balloting process and community meetings.

We have the ballot box from the Clerk Recorders office to be used to hold returned ballots under lock and key, return to sender ballots, and feedback from community meetings already held.

b. Update on the new septic system

The contract with the Engineer for the system design is signed and will allow the district to move forward with the project. Chief Garrison has a couple of resources he will reach out to, to get the request for bids started.

c. Budget Status update and any concerns

Discussed was the annual budget process to begin next month, with the draft budget presentation.

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

MO# 26-53: Adjourned the April 9th meeting at 7:34 pm.

Motion: Matt Cotter **Second:** Anita Tatum **Ayes:** Tatum, Busch, Cotter **Absent:** Reyes, Tim Hornbuckle

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____

ATTACHMENT

Dunnigan Fire Dist. Commissioners Meeting Chiefs Report 3/11/26

Chief Garrison

- Mandatory EMS training last week.
- JOA Extrication training scheduled for March 21st
- Mutual aid appreciation corned beef and cabbage dinner scheduled for March 12th. Expecting roughly 120 guests.
- Sewer contract was signed. Need to deliver to septic engineer.
- Captain Rotz scheduled to attend training for fire officers in the urban interface.
- Starting in January reserves have been mandated to spend 4 hours at dispatch. Roughly half have completed.
- Office of traffic safety grant has been applied for.

Chief Sagara

February call data