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DUNNIGAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Fire Station Training Hall
May 11, 2023

6:30 P.M- Call to Order

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Anita Tatum called the meeting to order at 6:33. Present were fellow Commissioners; Neil Busch, John Reyes, Tim Hornbuckle. Absent: John Keeble

2. Approval of Agenda
   a. Approve the May 11thth agenda.

   MO# 23-43 Approved the May 11th agenda
   Motion: Neil Busch **Second:** John Reyes **Ayes:** Tatum, Hornbuckle, Reyes, Keeble **Absent:** John Keeble

3. Public Comments
   - Several members of the public in attendance addressed the board with comments and concerns about the proposed Fire Protection and Emergency Response Assessment. Main concerns were as follows:
     - Outrage that the County has not funded the County Fire Departments in the past, and that the County recently only committed in principle to fund $1.5 million for all 15 fire districts, which is nowhere near enough.
     - Dunnigan has the largest sales tax generators in the County, with Ritchie Bros recently having a $1.5 million dollar sale, and a conservative estimate of $300,000 generated in sales taxes. Why has the County not provided some of that revenue back to the District to help with support. And what about future business that will be developed that will also bring in large sales tax revenue and cause impact.
     - Why is it that the County has never provided monetary support to Fire Districts, but now they are asking local farmers and homeowners to foot the bill in addition to existing tax burdens.
     - The annual cap of a possible up to 5% cost of living increase could compound to a point where local property/homeowners, or their future generations could be taxed out of their property. They were concerned that future Board's would approve a 5% increase every year, even if this Board said they would be conservative in this approval.
     - Why would local people pay more in assessments than the large business under this assessment?

4. Public Correspondence/ Discussion about correspondence received- None received

5. Consent Agenda-
   a. Approval of the April 13th regular meeting minutes, and the May 3rd special meeting minutes.

   MO# 23-44: Approved minutes from the April 13th meeting.

Motion: John Reyes **Second:** Tim Hornbuckle **Ayes:** Hornbuckle, Reyes **Abstain:** Tatum, Busch **Absent:** John Keeble

MO# 23-44: Approved minutes from the May 3rd Special meeting,

Motion: John Reyes **Second:** Tim Hornbuckle **Ayes:** Tatum, Busch, Hornbuckle, Reyes, **Absent:** John Keeble

b. Approval of the bills submitted for payment.

MO# 23-45: Approved bills submitted for payment.
Motion: John Reyes Second: **Neil Busch Ayes: Ayes:** Tatum, Hornbuckle, Reyes, Keeble **Absent:** John Keeble

6. Reports, Discussion and Action Items from the District Fire Chief
   a. Chief's Report (See attached)
   b. Approval of Standard Operating Procedures - Tabled until next meeting
   c. Update and discussion on DWR Grant well project.
      - The Chief reported believes we are in the bidding process, but will know more next meeting.
   d. Discussion on the Mel Smith development, to include an action item to engage SCI Consulting to petition the County for a Community Facilities District on behalf of the District.
      - The Chief stated he completed a Zoom meeting with Blair Aas from SCI Consulting to understand our steps to move forward with a Community Facility District (CFD) for new commercial development on the horizon. Blair stated he would provide a proposal to start the work with the County to advocate on our behalf for a CFD. Tabled until next meeting.

7. Action Items and Reports from Board of Commissioners
   a. Approve the following resolutions:
      - Resolution #23-03 approving the budget, assessment rate, Engineer's Report, and the calling for the mailing of ballots.

        After discussions with the public in attendance, and after several members of the public asking questions and restating concerns, the following was approved.

        Resolution #23-03: Approval of Resolution #23-03 initiating proceedings, providing intention to levy assessments, preliminarily approving engineer's report, and providing for notice of hearing and the mailing of assessment ballots for the Dunnigan Foire Protetion Distrit Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Assessment.

        Motion: Neil Busch **Second:** Anita Tatum **Ayes:** Tatum, Busch, Hornbuckle **Noes:** John Reyes **Absent:** John Keeble

      - Resolution #23-04 adopting Proposition 219 ballot proceedings.

        Resolution #23-04: Approval of Resolution # 23-04 adopting Proposition 218 Assessment Ballot Proceedings.

        Motion: Neil Busch **Second:** Anita Tatum **Ayes:** Tatum, Busch, Hornbuckle **Noes:** John Reyes **Absent:** John Keeble

   b. Discussion on current financial status and any financial concerns or needs. The draft budgets will be presented at the next meeting.

8. MEETING ADJOURNED

MO# 23-46: Adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.
Motion: John Reyes **Second:** Neil Busch **Ayes:** Tatum, Hornbuckle, Reyes, Keeble **Absent:** John Keeble

ATTACHMENT

Dunnigan Fire Protection Dist. Commissioners Meeting
Chiefs Report
5/11/23

- G12 has been prepped and ready for auction
- Driver Operator 1B class is in session – 2 members attending
- In process of scheduling volunteer radio training
- 3 volunteers have been cleared to drive
- Beginning ISO rating process
- Investigating and building annual inspection program
- ESO reporting system almost ready to go live
- E212 due back any day – found leak in the tank (warranty)
- S12 Modifications expected later this month or first half of June.