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**DUNNIGAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

**Fire Station Training Hall
February 12, 2026**

6:30 P.M- Call to Order

Chairperson Anita Tatum called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Present were fellow Commissioners; Neil Busch, Tim Hornbuckle, John Reyes, Matt Cotter. **Absent:**

- 1.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
 - Approve the **February 12th** meeting agenda.

MO# 26-44: Approved the February 12th meeting agenda.

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

4. Public Comments
 - No public comments
5. Public Correspondence/ Discussion about correspondence received-
6. Approval of the **January 8th** regular meeting minutes, and the **January 22nd** Special meeting minutes.

MO# 26-45: Approved the January 8th regular meeting minutes, and the January 22nd Special meeting minutes.

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

7. Approval of the bills submitted for payment.

MO# 26-46: Approved bills processed for payment since last meeting.

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

8. Reports, Discussion and Action Items from the District Fire Chief
 - a. Chief's Report (See attached)
9. Action Items and Reports from Board of Commissioners
 - a. Update on progress with Prop 218 Benefit Assessment.

b. Update on the new septic system

Harold Leverenz was present to answer questions about himself and his interest in designing the district's new septic system. Mr. Leverenz is a district resident and is on the County's Septic System Qualified Professionals / System Designers list. He expressed his desire to support the community and offered his services for free as part of this community support.

The discussion led to the following notations and decisions. The current system will be pumped tomorrow so that a visual inspection can be completed to determine how well it is functioning and if there are any repairs needed. He is recommending a shallow pressure system, adding he will design it and get it permitted.

An ad hoc subcommittee of 2 commissioners was appointed, Reyes and Hornbuckle, to review the design plans that Mr Leverenz will provide. If Chief Garrison, Reyes and Hornbuckle are all in favor of the proposed design and contract, Chief Garrison will be authorized to sign the Leverenz contract on behalf of the district to move forward with the project.

MO# 26-47: Authorized Chief Garrison to sign the design contract with Mr. Leverenz, after consensus with the "Septic System Subcommittee".

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

c. Budget Status update and any concerns

Secretary Jenkins reminded the Board that with the new fiscal budget discussion to begin in a couple of months, it will necessitate the use of almost all reserves to establish the FY 2026-27 budget to keep operations at the same level.

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

MO# 26-48: Adjourned the February 12th meeting at 7:42 pm.

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

Chairperson: *Anita Tatum*

Secretary: *Jenkins*

ATTACHMENT

Dunnigan Fire Department Commission

Meeting Chiefs Report

2/12/26

- Crew attended propane fire training in Williams
- E212 Back in service
- All oil changes and preventative maintenance has been completed
- G12 OOS, engine problem. Currently at the mechanic shop for diagnosis
- Yearly training schedule completed
- 2026 Firefighter appreciation took place on 2/7/26.
- Jay Rotz promoted to Captain
- Tom Chatterton & Eddie Bryson promoted to engineer
- Eli Kamiko and Anthony Lopez off probation and promoted to firefighter
- Eddie Bryson, Firefighter of the year
- Website transparency is at 70%, up from 20%
- Office of Traffic Safety grant request has been submitted. 1 complete set of battery powered extrication tools. Total \$93,000