

HOPLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

April 9th, 2026

#1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 5:00pm

Directors Present: Smith, Mastin, Roderick, Trimble

Directors Absent: Jensen

Staff Present: Chief Franklin, Rebecca Stone (Clerk)

#2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge was led by Chairman Smith.

#3. PUBLIC EXPRESSION

None

#4 ADDITION TO AGENDA

None

#5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 5th, 2026 meeting were approved as written.

#6 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports for March 2026 were approved.

#7 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Flight Ridge Water LLC Letter – Discussion, no action.

#8 CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Franklin submitted his verbal report. He expanded on content and answered questions from the Board. After questions were asked and answered the report was accepted as presented.

#9 OLD BUSINESS

- a. Slip-On Tanker Unit Grant Expense – The Board discussed the implications of the large upfront cost on our cash flow and requested that the Clerk wait to purchase the unit until we receive our next tax installment and to run a forecast to see what our cash balance would be for 6 months in case of a delay with the reimbursement from the grant.

#10 NEW BUSINESS

- a. Authorization to disband the Financial Committee that was formed at the August 27th, 2025 Board Meeting. – The Board authorized the disbandment of the Financial Committee.
- b. Regular Board Meeting Date and Time Change – The Board agreed to change the regular scheduled Board Meetings from the first Thursday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month. A resolution will be presented at the next board meeting.
- c. General Attorney Consideration – The Board authorized the staff to speak with our current attorney regarding recommendation for general council. The board also suggested that staff explore the use of AI resources such as Claude.
- d. Petty Cash Account Balance Authorization – The board approved a petty cash account balance of \$5,000 remain at the Savings Bank of Mendocino County and the remainder be added to the general budget for the 25-26 fiscal year.

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#11 DIRECTORS REPORTS

None

#12 CLOSED SESSION

None

#13 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00PM.

Gregg Smith, Chairman

Rebecca Stone, Clerk