CALL TO ORDER: Director Everett called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

FLAG SALUTE: Director Everett asked Patty Krupa to lead the flag salute.

ROLL CALL: Those present: Director Rodriguez, Director Turek, Director Bowman, Director Johnson and Director Everett.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Director Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Director Everett seconded the motion. 5 Ayes: Director Rodriguez, Director Turek, Director Bowman and Director Johnson and Director Everett. Nays: 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

REVIEW OF POLICY 4005, DISTRICT NORMS: It was suggested review of this policy be biannually instead of quarterly. Director Everett explained the need to have the policy reviewed quarterly in the event new board members were voted in or appointed. This policy will remain as is.

MINUTES: Motion made by Director Bowman to approve the minutes for the September 22, 2026, meeting as presented. Director Rodriguez seconded the motion. 5 Ayes: Director Rodriguez, Director Turek, Director Bowman and Director Johnson and Director Everett. Nays: 0.

FINANCIALS: Motion made by Director Turek to approve and file the September 2026 Financial Statements as presented. Director Everett seconded the motion. 5 Ayes: Director Rodriguez, Director Turek, Director Bowman and Director Johnson and Director Everett. Nays: 0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES: *HVFD Calls:* There were 11 calls in September, with 10 medical and 1 fire call. *College Classes:* All volunteers cancelled their EMT classes. Brianna did paperwork to sign them up and then cancel. Because of the cancellations there was no monies paid to the college. *Medical Tuesdays:* "Traumatic Injuries" training was held in Susanville. Enosh was in attendance. *Monthly Meeting:* No monthly meeting. Captain Price keeps the office up to date on important matters. Volunteer Harleigh Huckins has gone with Captain Price on some of the medical calls.

FIRE TAX RESOLUTION 2026-04: Review of Fire Tax history: Discussion on differences of improved vs unimproved property and liens being placed on properties where the Fire Taxes have not been paid. Having a volunteer fire department may decrease insurance premiums and allows HVFD to have an "MOU" with SIAD and Milford Fire Departments. There was no

increase in 2026. Motion made by Director Rodriguez to increase the Fire Tax by 3% for 2027, raising the amounts to $140.64 for improved property and $65.71 for unimproved property. Director Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 5 Ayes: Director Rodriguez, Director Turek, Director Bowman and Director Johnson and Director Everett. Nays: 0.

SDRMA RESOLUTION 2026-05: Review of information presented. Director Johnson made a motion to approve updating the MOU and to continue participation in SDRMA Health Benefit Program. Director Turek seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 5 Ayes: Director Rodriguez, Director Turek, Director Bowman and Director Johnson and Director Everett. Nays: 0.

POLICY 2020 - VACATION: Board reviewed Policy 2020, particularly Sections 2020.4 and 2020.5 with information requested at previous Board meeting. Motion made by Director Turek to update Policy 2020.4 creating a cap on vacation time that may be accumulated. Director Everett seconded the motion. 5 Ayes: Director Rodriguez, Director Turek, Director Bowman and Director Johnson and Director Everett. Nays: 0.

POLICY 3075: Motion made by Director Rodriguez to update the wording in Policy 3075 from 'Bank of the West' to 'the Bank' and change out 'District Clerk' to 'Finance Manager'. Director Bowman seconded the motion. 5 Ayes: Director Rodriguez, Director Turek, Director Bowman and Director Johnson and Director Everett. Nays: 0.

GM REPORT: *State Mandated SB827:* GM Raffelson and FM Rockey attended the CSDA class in Redding in the morning of the Board meeting. This is a 4 hour finance class consolidated into a 2-hour class. HPUD can offer this class on an afternoon or early evening, with an agendized meeting for the public to attend. *Further Training:* GM Raffelson is putting together information on a policy for best governance for Directors that will be brought to the November Board meeting. *Construction at the Plant:* Construction at the Plant is complete. *Fire Barn Construction:* Construction on the outside of the Fire Barn is complete. There was a miscommunication on the contract dealing with the interior of the building. The bathroom has been completed. The rest of the interior is insulated with the interior wall being erected with no insulation. Colbert Construction gave a bid of $20,000 to complete the job or $14,500 to sheetrock to walls, fire tape, no texture or paint or $12,500 for just the walls, but not the ceiling. A bid of close to $8,000 has been submitted to sheetrock, tape and texture the training room. It was agreed to let Colbert Construction finish the job and then open the job to local people. The Board decided to reconvene at the Fire Barn after the GM and Director's Updates. Discussion on amount to money that could be spent on this project. *Fencing:* This project will start in November. *Demand Letters:* 81 Demand Letters have gone out. There will be a public hearing at the November Board meeting, at which time the Board will vote on whether to put liens on properties for past due Fire Taxes. *Backflow and Cross*

Connections Class: GM Raffelson covered while Royce and Kenn spent a week in Sacramento for training. *November 10th:* ***Lassen County Board of Supervisors*** will hold a hearing for the Herlong Recreation and Park District with Chief Rocca giving permission to US Search and Rescue for a wildlife park and help with training of HVFD. ***Northern California CSDA Chapter*** will also be holding a meeting on the 10th. Fliers were attached. *Change in Community Status:* California deemed we were no longer a disadvantaged community raising the District State Permits costs. GM Raffelson petitioned the State Water Board to reconsider and the petition was approved, lending HPUD the availability to apply for grants as a disadvantaged community and receive a discount on our annual permits. *GM Raffelson Out of the Office:* Due to a family funeral and SDRMA board meetings GM Raffelson will be out of the office November 2-6. *Next Board Meeting:* There will be a hearing on the delinquent Fire Taxes and putting liens on those properties. Review of Policies and 1st draft of the 2027 Budget. The meeting will be held November 17,2026.

DIRECTOR UPDATES: *Director Bowman:* Glasses to Classes will be checking the eyes of all students within the Fort Sage School District on October 30th. 3rd and 4th graders are going to Meadow View School for a fire prevention field trip. Herlong High is playing a home game against Westwood on Saturday. Grades are coming out on Nov. 13th, and Sierra Primary is having monthly awards that day. Fall break is November 23rd through the 27th. Girls' volleyball schedules handed out. *Director Johnson:* Doyle Trunk-or-Treat and Haunted House will be Oct. 31st and Herlong will have one on Oct. 29th. *Director Everett:* Update on Sierra Alliance meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned to the Fire Barn at 6:46pm. Reconvened at 7pm. Review of possibilities on completion of the Fire Barn. It was agreed to open bids to locals to complete the project. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

ATTEST TO:

Bryanna Rodrigeuz, Secretary

Barbara D. Lee, District Clerk