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Aptos Fire Budget OK Anticipated

After one attempt this week, the Aptos Fire District board of directors were to meet at noon today to approve the district's budget and set a tax rate.

Only two directors attended Tuesday's scheduled meeting of the board, and that was not enough for a quorum.

Directors Richard Duchscher and Joe Lynch waited at the district office for nearly 30 minutes before adjourning the meeting when the other directors didn't show up.

The meeting scheduled for today was to be held at the home of another director, Walter Jordan, in Aptos. He is recovering from hip surgery and was unable to come to the fire station on Tuesday. The other directors — Don Edleman and Stuart Davis — were out of town.

The board was to consider Chief Richard Chinn's proposed \$987,717 budget for this fiscal year. Most of that money, \$812,217, is to be raised from local taxes.

If the board approves the proposed budget, the district would have a 98 cent per \$100 assessed valuation tax rate — a drop of six cents from last year's \$1.04.

But, with increased valuations this year, that 98 cent rate would provide the district with \$95,000 more than the \$1.04 of a year ago.