

Mosier Fire District Board Special Meeting
Mosier Fire Hall on Washington St.

DATE: Nov. 10, 2016
7:00 p.m.

BOARD: Joanne Rubin, Phil Evans, Barb Ayers, Darin Molesworth, Joe Sacamano

Absent: Excused:

STAFF: Fire Chief Jim Appleton, Recorder Tracie Hornung, Bookkeeper Rhonda Starling

MOSIER FIRE VOLUNTEERS & ASSOCIATES: Maggie Goter, Kris Mcnall, Craig Funk

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Board President Darin Molesworth at 7:05 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – Chief Appleton added a Drone Proposal item; Board Member Ayers added Update on Last Week’s Mosier City Council meeting

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – Craig Funk and Kris Mcnall said they wanted to make sure they had MFD’s priorities clear for the upcoming Team Mosier forum. A discussion followed on re-prioritizing the original list created by the MFD Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of Oct. 13
2. Review/Approve Bills

Board Member Joanne Rubin made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended; Board Member Joe Sacamano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. Volunteer Reports

Volunteers President Maggie Goter said that at last month’s Volunteers meeting they discussed the issue of MFD hiring a consultant to help with the District’s “re-boot.” She also recommended that the MFD Board consider meeting more often or form more working groups, at least during the “re-boot” effort. She suggested that MFD engage with the community on the issue of desired service levels.

2. Committee Reports

Board Member Phil Evans said that tomorrow he would send the signed SDAO agreement re: the hiring of a SDAO consultant to help with the District “re-boot.”

Chief Appleton said that the Station Development Committee is making a meeting schedule and that a public comment period on the new station is tentatively planned for February. A preliminary schematic of the proposed station has been developed.

MFD Bookkeeper and Personnel Policy Committee member Rhonda Starling said the Chief’s contract is not clear about his vacation and sick leave time. Appleton said that at last month’s

committee meeting the hiring of a part-time training officer was discussed, a position that would also allow the Chief to get some time off. The MFD Board discussed possible ways of funding the position. Appleton said it might be possible to implement the hiring plan by late winter or early spring. It was suggested that a committee be formed to begin that process, and Appleton said he would like an MFD Volunteer and a Board member to be on that committee.

3. Disbursements to volunteers/staff – derailment work reimbursements

Starling read aloud the draft General Fund Expenditure and Appropriation Resolution regarding disbursements to MFD Volunteers and Staff of funds pertaining to the June UP train derailment work.

Board Member Rubin made a motion to approve the draft General Fund Expenditure and Appropriation Resolution; Board Member Evans seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion followed on what to do with the \$10,000 Giswold bequest. Appleton recommended that it be put in the Capital Reserve fund.

4. UPRR second track follow-up

Appleton said the Wasco County Commission overruled the Planning Commission's approval of the UPRR second track proposal.

5. Review of draft Drug-free Policy

Rubin distributed copies of the policy to the Board.

Board Member Rubin made a motion to adopt the draft Drug-free Policy; Board Member Ayers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. 2017 SDAO Annual Conference

Rubin noted that the conference is Feb. 10-12, 2017, and that it would probably be a good experience for MFD Board members. A discussion followed on the feasibility of the District covering the costs for attendance. Starling suggested the exact amount be determined and brought to the next MFD Board meeting. Appleton said that since it was not a budgeted expenditure, a budget amendment may be necessary.

7. Drone Proposal

Appleton said he had been contacted by a start-up company that was requesting \$4,000 from MFD to help develop a drone for fire service. The company would then provide the MFD with the product, valued at \$17,000. Appleton said he didn't think it was a good use of public funds, and the Board indicated no interest in the proposal. No action was taken.

8. Update on Last Week's Mosier City Council meeting

Ayers said she was dismayed to hear that the Chief spoke at last week's City Council meeting about a City personnel issue. Appleton said he emailed the Board ahead of time that he had planned to do so. A discussion followed on the email communication about the topic that occurred before the City meeting. No action was taken.

9. Chief's Monthly Summary

Appleton distributed and discussed his summary of October's activities.

10. Intubation discussion

An impromptu discussion occurred of the advisability of MFD conducting intubation during emergency calls. Following the discussion, Appleton said MFD would not do intubation at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2016

Attest:

Board President Darin Molesworth

Tracie Hornung, Recorder