

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

DATE: March 12, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

BOARD: Darin Molesworth, Joanne Rubin, Phil Evans  
STAFF: Fire Chief Jim Appleton, Recorder Tracie Hornung  
Absent:           Excused: Glenn Bartholomew  
Public: Mark Cherniak

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Board President Darin Molesworth at 7:02 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – Added to the Board packet was a list of bills paid. Mark Cherniak asked if he could make a presentation about work being done regarding Fire District policies. President Moleworth agreed.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

#### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – Feb. 12 and Feb. 19, 2015.
2. Review/Approve Bills

**Board Member Rubin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Board Member Evans seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### BUSINESS

1. Wasco County Sheriff request for co-location with MFD repeater for Mosier School radio

Wasco Chief Deputy Lane Magill explained that schools in Wasco County are setting up a county-wide radio/911 system in the event of school shootings or natural disasters. He asked if the Fire District would consent to allowing the installation of a base station for the Mosier School at the Fire District's current radio site. He said the schools and the Sheriff's office are donating money and labor but that they can't pay rent on the base station. The Board was receptive to the overall idea. It was informally agreed that Magill will work out the details with Chief Appleton and will draw up an Intergovernmental Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding to be presented to the Board for a vote.

2. Fire District Policy Presentation

Mark Cherniak explained that he and Susan Gabay were starting a process to complete a policy document for the Mosier Fire District based on guidelines from Special Districts Association of Oregon. He said other Mosier residents may become involved. He asked if the Board was open to the idea of dedicating a portion of the next three or four Board meetings to reviewing a variety of draft policies. Chief Appleton suggested that a separate subcommittee be formed to tackle the project and then present a final draft to the Board. The Board informally agreed. Cherniak said he would like a member of the Board to be a representative on the subcommittee. Rubin agreed to be the representative. Appleton also suggested that the District's attorney review the document

before the Board approved it. It was also agreed the policy subcommittee meetings will not be publicly noticed.

3. Selection and appointment of 5th Board member

All Board members present explained their outreach efforts to find a fifth Board member, who they had talked to and who they recommended. Appleton explained that in addition to the need to appoint a new Board member now, a candidate will need to be found for the May election to fill Board Member Bartholomew's position as he has stated he will not run for re-election. A discussion followed on the pros and cons of having a member of the Mosier Fire District Volunteers on the Board.

**Evans made a motion to appoint Joe Sacamano to the Mosier Fire District Board; Rubin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Update on election bill

Appleton said the request to reimburse the Fire District for a portion of the recall election expense had been made to the Wasco County Board of Commissioners; he awaits their decision.

5. Request by Capital Advisory Committee for Board vote on apparatus

Rubin, as the Board representative on the Capital Advisory Subcommittee, asked if she could present an update on the subcommittee's meeting the day before, including motions to approve purchases. Molesworth said it could be added to the agenda. The proposed vehicles and the lengthy process involved in recommending them were discussed.

**Rubin made a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$15,000 to purchase an SUV utility vehicle. Evans seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Rubin made a motion to authorize a purchase amount of up to \$90,000 for acquisition of a tender, under terms and specifications to be finalized and contracted by the Board. Molesworth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. Chief's Monthly Summary

The Board reviewed the handout of the Chief's Summary, which includes the actions of the volunteers and duties of the Fire Chief for the month of February.

Correspondence: Hornung read an announcement from Special Districts that listed specific activities undertaken by Oregon fire districts and their Boards that reduce insurance costs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

Attest:

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Board President Darin Molesworth

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Tracie Hornung, Recorder