

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

DATE: May 14, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

BOARD: Darin Molesworth, Glenn Bartholomew, Joanne Rubin, Joe Sacamano

Absent: Phil Evans    Excused:

STAFF: Fire Chief Jim Appleton, Recorder Tracie Hornung

Public: Mark Cherniack, Von Swanson, Mac Jervey, Wade Root, Paul Citoli, Brent Foster, Marc Berry, Maggie Goter

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Board President Molesworth at 7:12 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – Added to the Board packet was a list of bills paid.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – Paul Citoli reported on what he had learned about the progress of the District election.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBER – Joe Sacamano was sworn in as a Mosier Fire District Board Member for Position 1

#### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Review/Approve Bills

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

#### ➤ **Budget Committee review of 2015-2016 proposed Budget**

Molesworth suspended the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. and called the Budget Committee Meeting to order. He asked for nominations for budget chair and secretary. It was noted that Brent Foster had been elected chair and Mark Cherniack secretary at recent public meetings of the Budget Committee.

The Budget Committee Meeting was suspended by Foster at 7:26 p.m. and he immediately opened the

#### ➤ **Public Hearing for tax rate acceptance**

No comments were made and the Hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.

Foster reconvened the Budget Meeting and asked if there were any comments from the committee. Hearing none,

**A motion was made by Budget Committee Member Sacamano to accept the tax rate levy of \$1.65 per thousand. Budget Committee Member Rubin seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Foster asked for a vote of the Budget Committee on approval of the budget as presented. The vote passed unanimously.**

The public meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. and Molesworth reconvened the regular Fire District Board meeting at 7:29 p.m.

**There will be a Budget Hearing at the next Board meeting of June 11, 2015, and the public notice for that meeting will be published in The Dalles Chronicle.**

Because the Budget Message written by Chief Appleton could not be printed, he read it aloud and said the document would be distributed to the Board after the meeting. He added that written summaries of the previous Budget Committee meetings will be posted on the District website.

## BUSINESS

### 1. Volunteer Reports

Volunteer Maggie Goter noted that there were three new volunteers. She said the volunteers have discussed possibly changing the volunteer meetings to make them more useable for training and to be more sociable and possibly attract more potential volunteers.

### 2. Committee Reports

Appleton said he has been working with Paul Citoli, Terry Moore and Craig Dorsey about the possibility of forming a committee regarding new station development. He asked if the Board would like to have a representative on the committee. Bartholomew asked Appleton to draft a focus of the committee.

**Rubin made a motion to appoint Phil Evans as a Board representative to the station development committee, along with Citoli, Moore and Dorsey, with the “marching order” of meeting once before the next regular Board meeting. Bartholomew seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

3. Discussion & possible adoption of CAC’s Preliminary Report on Apparatus & Facilities that deals with apparatus requirements & phased acquisition  
Bartholomew said he recommended that the Board adopt the CAC’s timeline for purchasing apparatus.

**Bartholomew made a motion to adopt the Capital Advisory Committee’s Preliminary Report on Apparatus & Facilities that deals with apparatus requirements and phased acquisition. Rubin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Policy/Procedures Review, including discussion of random drug testing for all MFD staff & volunteers

Bartholomew said a member of the public had asked him about drug testing for all MFD staff and volunteers. The issue was discussed. Appleton repeated what the District attorney had told him. It was agreed that the Policy Advisory Committee should address the issue.

5. Agreement with Wasco County Sheriff for co-location with MFD repeater for Mosier School radio  
Appleton had no news.

6. Update on recall election bill  
Appleton said that Wasco County recently told the District it must pay the entire bill.

7. Item #2 (above) was continued. Mark Cherniack of the PAC noted that today he sent out to Board members language to consider for adoption regarding Board duties and responsibilities.

**Rubin made a motion to accept the language as written.**

Appleton suggested the item be tabled so that the proposed language can be included in the next Board meeting packet. He also requested that agendas and minutes related to the PAC be made publicly available.

**Rubin withdrew her motion. The issue was tabled until the next regular Board meeting.**

8. Chief's request for guidance regarding community burning infractions  
Appleton asked the Board for guidance, using as an example a recent incident when a Board member burned material not allowed in his burn permit. After discussion it was agreed that Appleton will continue to issue a warning to first-time offenders. Statutory options may be pursued, such as turning the information over to proper authorities, for repeat offenders. Appleton said that gave him some guidance.

9. Chief's Monthly Summary  
Appleton referred to the Summary for the month of April included in the Board packet.

Correspondence: Letter from member of the public  
Bartholomew noted that the Board had decided several weeks ago not to respond to the letter.

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