

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

DATE: September 11, 2014
7:00 p.m.

BOARD: Darin Molesworth, Ken Hudson, Lee Roy Herman, Vic Hamilton, Glenn Bartholomew
STAFF: Fire Chief Jim Appleton, Recorder Tracie Hornung
Absent: Excused: Public:

MEETING PRECEDED BY BOARD TRAINING SESSION LED BY GEORGE DUNKEL OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION OF OREGON FROM 5:30-7 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Board President Darin Molesworth at 7:07 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – Chief Appleton suggested that a discussion regarding the EMT Budget be added to the agenda. Also, added to the Board packet was a list of bills paid.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – August 14, 2014
2. Review/Approve Bills

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

BUSINESS

1. Board meeting training by representative from Special Districts.

See above.

2. Bid process regarding tank size and pump capacity for military surplus tender
Chief Appleton said he should have the bids in by the day following this Board meeting and had asked the chair of the Capital Advisory Committee to schedule a CAC meeting to consider the bids. The bids were for both a 2,000 and a 3,000 gallon tank with a minimum pump size of 500 gallons per minute. Appleton also said of the eight vendors asked to provide bids probably only three would come in.

3. Station development update

Appleton said he had received an estimate for site preparation of the Dry Creek Rd. site, which would include widening the creek and lining it with rock rip-rap. By the time the rock was purchased and other improvements made, the cost would probably range from \$120,000--\$200,000. After discussion, it was generally agreed that that was too great an expense and Appleton said he would return to the Wasco County planning department and let them know that the Dry Creek site will probably not work.

4. EMT Budget

Appleton explained that for the first time in a long time Columbia Gorge Community College is offering an Advanced EMT class. He said five Mosier Fire District EMTs now qualified to take the advanced training, including himself. Complications are, however, that there is not enough funding in the District training budget for all five to take the class, and that the class could be cancelled if the college does not enroll a sufficient number of students. Board Member Herman asked that if by having EMTs at the advanced level, would the District have to buy the drugs that the advanced EMTs could legally administer. Appleton said yes. Herman asked if Appleton had experienced a lot of need for diabetics needing help. Appleton said it averaged about one a year. Herman said speaking as a diabetic himself he would not expect a district to pay for the applicable drugs. Appleton said he might feel differently if he were the one to need them. Herman said a person in that situation should go to the doctor and “get it straightened out; that’s what I do.” Hudson asked how important it was for the District to have the services provided by advanced EMTs. Appleton said it is getting more important: “Hood River is openly joking there will be a day when we get no response from them.” He said it is not apparent that there is a huge need right now for these services but thinks things are going to change. Appleton said he would forego taking the class to reduce the cost and will also ask the college about financial aid.

Board Member Bartholomew made a motion to use the remaining budgeted training funds to allow four EMTs to attend the class, and to also take \$2,000 out of the District’s contingency fund to meet the cost. Board Member Hamilton seconded. Bartholomew, Hamilton, Molesworth in favor; Hudson and Herman opposed. Motion passed.

5. 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 August.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2014

Attest:

Board President Darin Molesworth

Tracie Hornung, Recorder