

Mosier Fire District Capital Advisory Subcommittee Meeting
Mosier Fire Hall on Washington St.

DATE: December 16, 2014
9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS: Pete Wright, Craig Funk

STAFF: Fire Chief Jim Appleton, Recorder Tracie Hornung

Absent: Excused: Public: Jim Weber, True North Emergency Equipment

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Craig Funk at 9:33 a.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – None

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No motion to approve minutes.

An informal discussion followed on the recent changes at the Mosier Fire District (the recall of two Fire District Board members) and the effect on the Subcommittee. Although the Subcommittee still maintains a quorum despite the resignation of Subcommittee member Ken Hudson, Subcommittee Chair Funk said he was more comfortable waiting for the full District Board to achieve quorum before making decisions. He said once the District Board has a quorum, the Subcommittee can bring the Board up to date on the Subcommittee's work. Wright said he hoped the new Fire District Board would be more receptive to the Subcommittee's work.

1. True North mini-pumper demo

Jim Weber of True North Emergency Equipment introduced himself and described the company he represents. Subcommittee members and District staff then moved outside to view and learn about a Spartan mini pumper that Weber brought. After Weber left, a discussion on the mini-pumper followed. Funk said it may be possible for the Fire District to piggyback an apparatus order onto a Portland Fire Dept. apparatus order to save money. He said he would look into it. He noted that Weber said he would put together a "dream rig" spec sheet so that the Subcommittee can get an idea of costs. Funk and Wright agreed that good customer service is important from whatever company a rig is purchased. Funk said he thought the Subcommittee should look at three possible vehicles; since another mini-pumper was reviewed several months ago, only one more to consider remains. Chief Appleton suggested Boise Mobile Equipment or OMCO in Prineville. Funk asked Appleton to email them to decide which company's model to evaluate. After the evaluation, he said, the Subcommittee should then have two "solid" recommendations to present to the Fire District Board. Appleton mentioned that a recommendation in the Subcommittee's Preliminary Report was for a utility/command vehicle and asked Funk when the Portland Fire Dept. will next be surplussing apparatus. Funk said he would find out. A discussion followed on the timing of purchasing apparatus based on re-establishment of the full District Board.

2. Discussion of military surplus tender

Appleton said he, Wright, and Funk, if available, will go on a field trip this week to fire departments in Appleton and Wahkaikus to view tenders that are similar to what the Subcommittee is considering for purchase.

Funk asked if, by virtue of the fact that the Fire District Board recently lost its quorum, the Subcommittee could continue its work before the quorum is re-established. Appleton said he thought so, but would check into it.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2014

Attest:

Craig Funk, Subcommittee Chair

Tracie Hornung, Recorder