

BOARD: Ken Hudson, Lee Roy Herman, Vic Hamilton, Darin Molesworth
STAFF: Fire Chief Jim Appleton, Recorder Tracie Hornung
Absent: Excused: Glenn Bartholomew
Public: Ron Carroll, Charles Young, Aurora Moore, Marc Berry

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Board President Darin Molesworth at 7:03 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – Added to the Board packet were a list of bills and a draft Intergovernmental Agreement for SCBA Services. A letter from SAIF was also added to the agenda as a discussion item.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2013
2. Review/Approve Bills

A motion was made by Board Member Hudson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Board Member Herman seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. Draft of Vehicle Operations policy

The draft was briefly discussed.

Board Member Molesworth moved that the draft Vehicle Operations policy be adopted. Board Member Hamilton seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Draft policy on vehicle use by Fire District employees

Chief Appleton recommended that the term “In-Service” be changed to “On-Duty.” A discussion followed on phrases in the draft primarily regarding use of Fire District vehicles for other than responding to requests for fire and emergency services, which led to discussions on personal liability when using a private vehicle for District business, taxpayers’ perceptions when District vehicles are used, and firefighters getting to a District vehicle quickly. Chief Appleton suggested a vote on the draft be tabled until the District’s attorney reviews it.

It was agreed by unanimous consensus that a vote on the draft be tabled until the District’s attorney reviews it.

3. Update on station development

Chief Appleton explained that the proposed site for building a new Mosier Fire District station is within the Columbia Gorge Scenic Area and structural fire stations are not allowed there. However, planners at the Gorge Commission are working with the Chief to see if they can find a way to allow it.

4. Financial Review report

The Chief said the review is still ongoing because the contracted auditor is busy with tax season work for other clients. The state has assured the District that there will be no repercussions for a late filing.

5. Update on budget process

Budget Officer Tracie Hornung noted that the first public notice of the May 9 budget meeting will appear next week.

6. City Council invitation to 4/17 regular meeting

Chief Appleton asked if anyone on the Board was planning to go to the City Council meeting. There was no response.

7. 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 March. The Chief noted that volunteers Ron Carroll and Charles Young passed their task evaluations for Fire Fighter 1 in March.

8. Draft Intergovernmental Agreement for SCBA Services with the City of Hood River

Chief Appleton explained Hood River Fire is certified and is willing to perform annual maintenance of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for the Mosier Fire District. If the agreement is adopted, he recommended a line item for it be included in the budget.

A motion was made by Board Member Hudson to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Hood River. Board Member Hamilton seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Letter from SAIF

As a result of the recent SAIF audit, Chief Appleton explained that the workers' compensation premium for District personnel has been increased by approximately \$900 because more volunteers responded to calls during audited quarters than SAIF was previously aware of.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

CORRESPONDENCE – Announcement from Special Districts soliciting applications for its Board of Trustees

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2013

Attest:

Board President Darin Molesworth

Tracie Hornung, Recorder