

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

DATE: August 8, 2013  
7:00 p.m.

BOARD: Ken Hudson, Lee Roy Herman, Glenn Bartholomew

STAFF: Fire Chief Jim Appleton, Recorder Tracie Hornung

Absent: Vic Hamilton      Excused: Darin Molesworth      Public: Vaughn Swanson and  
District Volunteers Pete Wright and Marc Berry

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Board Secretary Glenn Bartholomew at 7:06 p.m.

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

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

#### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – July 11, 2013
2. Review/Approve Bills

**Board Member Hudson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Board Member Herman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### BUSINESS

1. Apparatus Use Policy

Chief Appleton explained that the draft policy had been presented at the Volunteers meeting earlier in the week. He said he was looking for a motion from the Board and, once approved, the policy would be incorporated into the Mosier Fire District Property Policy. Board Member Hudson said he would not vote to approve the draft if item 2.D., allowing District personnel to use District-owned apparatus to conduct District business, remained in the policy. He added that he thinks it costs less to have personnel drive their own vehicles and get reimbursed by the District rather than to purchase a separate District vehicle that would be used, in part, for District business. In answer to Board Member Bartholomew's question, Hudson said he would not consider having the District buy a separate vehicle for that kind of use. Bartholomew asked Hudson for clarification of his opinion, who responded that Volunteers had never been reimbursed in the past for the expense of driving their own vehicles and that he doesn't support reimbursing volunteers for driving their own vehicles within the District. "I don't see why we need to change," he said. Vaughn Swanson said in his past experience as a firefighter it was common practice to have such a vehicle for use by fire department personnel. "You are no longer a volunteer fire department," he said. "Let's come up into the modern society and use some of this money that was so graciously given to the department by the voters." Hudson suggested postponing the vote on the Apparatus Use Policy until more Board members were present.

2. Update on Mosier Fire District accreditation process

Chief Appleton said his Instructor I evaluation should be complete in the next two weeks, and then he will apply for certification. Once he has that, he can start working on District accreditation through the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) and start certifying other firefighters in the District. Also, he has been in contact with an ISO

representative who will conduct a review of the District for improvement in the District's insurance rating sometime in the fall.

### 3. OSHA/work comp consultations

Chief Appleton said he had been advised by the Special Districts Association of Oregon to make a request soon for an OSHA consultation for the District. He said he wants to update two District policies before calling for the consultation. He said he'd like "Board blessing" to go forward with the process; the Board informally agreed. After questions from the Board on the ramifications of the consultation, he said he would get answers and let them know.

### 4. Apparatus replacement plan – B81

Chief Appleton said he thinks B81 is a hazard and he'd like to get rid of it. He said the tank could be removed and put on some other vehicle, yet to be determined. A discussion followed on various options. The Chief explained what he'd found in his research regarding possible alternative vehicles to B81 and showed a video of a new fire suppression system that, if used, would mean tank capacity on a fire vehicle could be smaller than in the past, which could possibly influence what vehicle to purchase.

Board Member Bartholomew said he had thought the Chief and Volunteer Pete Wright were going to come up with list of recommendations regarding District vehicles and priorities. Bartholomew said he was looking for a structured plan. In response, the Chief passed out a formerly distributed Long Range Planning document he had created a few months ago. Bartholomew said that was helpful but he still wants details on how many vehicles the District needs in each of its stations, or a "grand plan." The Chief verbally described his ideas of what he'd like, and Bartholomew asked him to put it on paper and have the Board approve it. The Chief agreed he will improve the document that he passed out with the information Bartholomew requested, but said he still wants to have an decision soon on what to do about B81.

### 5. Update on Tender 88 tank repair

Volunteer Pete Wright described the research he had conducted regarding improving the T88 tank. He recommended not spending a lot money, but to fix "what we can" and get approximately another 10 years out of the tender. The Chief agreed, and also said a man who builds fire trucks will soon be coming to give his advice for no charge. He suggested holding off on a decision until the next Board meeting.

### 6. Bookkeeper/Recorder request for raise

The Board agreed to table the issue until more Board members were present.

### 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 July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

CORRESPONDENCE – Hornung read an announcement for the annual Oregon Fire Service Conference scheduled for November. Also, the Chief noted the Fallen Firefighters Memorial was scheduled for August 18 in Odell.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

Attest:

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Board President Darin Molesworth

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Tracie Hornung, Recorder