

Approved Mosier Fire District Board Minutes 11/11/10

Darin called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM in the Mosier City Fire Station office.

Board members present included: Darin Molesworth, Ken Hudson, James Matthisen, and Glenn Bartholomew.

Others present: Chief Jim Appleton and Marc Berry

Items discussed/actions taken:

James proposed and Ken seconded a motion to approve the minutes, as drafted, from the 09/09/10 Board meeting. Unanimously approved.

The Board discussed ways to better communicate with the community. Actions considered included developing a "Sandwich Board" to announce activities such as upcoming Board meetings, special events, etc. Conducting a public meeting to update the community on progress with implementing the new Fire District. Advance the public announcement of upcoming Board meetings by a week to allow for increased awareness within the community. Approach Suzi Conklin and Bill Ward about including mention of upcoming Board meetings in their respective newsletters. It was also suggested that a link be proposed from their newsletters to the Mosier Fire website for specific agenda items and Board meeting minutes.

Jeanne Reeves suggested that she and Jean Hadley provide book keeping and secretarial support for the Board. The Board agreed that such an arrangement would likely improve the efficiency of the Board and asked Jeanne to discuss her proposal with the City Council.

The Board discussed the development of long range goals for the new district. It was felt that such an undertaking would assist in developing focused mid and near term actions. Chief Appleton will provide an input to Glenn. Other Board members will also send proposed goals and Glenn will consolidate inputs for further Board consideration. The Board decided to continue long range planning as an agenda item until the package is complete.

The Board briefly discussed topics and timing for board training offered by the Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO). Glenn will follow-up with SDAO to arrange for a potential date.

It has been determined that a bond in the amount of \$175,000 is required for the Board's Treasurer. One agency has offered to provide the bond for a premium of \$8-900. Ken has contacted another agency and received a much better quote. Chief Appleton will check with the SDAO underwriter to make sure the second bond is acceptable.

Chief Appleton provided a brief overview of recent Department activity:

Approximately 8,000 feet of hose has been tested. Only 100 feet failed. All hose has been re-laid.

The Department's pumper trucks have passed their annual service test.

EMT training is going well. The course is taught on nights that conflict with Department training, so Volunteer Firefighter Pete Wright is overseeing training drills in the Chiefs absence.

Chief Appleton and Volunteer Firefighter Pete Wright are scheduled to attend an upcoming Instructor 1 training course. After completing the course they will be able to certify training conducted by the Department and they will develop a Department training calendar.

Volunteer Firefighter Will Atkinson will assist with training and focus on EMS.

Chief Appleton has received estimates for repairing the wiring in the Brush Rig. He will then have the transmission evaluated.

Volunteer Firefighter Pete Wright has asked the Board to reimburse him for veterinary bills resulting from his dog's accidental ingestion of mouse bait. The Board concluded that the claim had merit and Darin will ask the Mosier Volunteer Firefighters Association if they would consider reimbursing him with non-tax funds.

The Board decided to carry over the subject of obtaining a Credit/Debit card for discussion at a future meeting.

The Board discussed the need to start the process of developing Board policies and bylaws. Glenn will check with SDAO to see if they have a generic set that we might be able to use as a template.

The Board discussed the District's fire rating and the goal of reducing it which will in-turn trigger a reduction of individual resident's insurance premiums. Chief Appleton will review the Department's progress toward this goal.

At 8:45PM, Darin entertained a motion by Ken, seconded by James, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Glenn Bartholomew

Secretary