

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

DATE: December 8, 2011
7:00 p.m.

BOARD: Darin Molesworth, Glenn Bartholomew, Ken Hudson, James Matthisen, LeeRoy Herman

STAFF: Fire Chief Jim Appleton

Absent: None

Excused: Recorder Jean Hadley

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Board President Darin Molesworth at 7:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – None

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None (no audience)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes November 10, 2011
2. Review/Approve Bills

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

BUSINESS

1. Billing non-tax payer responses

Appleton said this is still in progress and there are two angles being pursued; a statute which allows fire districts within the scenic area to bill State Agencies when responses are requested by certain authorities. Appleton contacted a couple local agencies to see if they have any policies related to billing for responses and they are interested in knowing more about this subject also. The other angle being considered is using a billing company that will take care of the billing directly to the patient when there is no local address within the fire district. Responses to freeway accidents or distress calls and the person does not live in Mosier can be billed directly when the information is sent to the billing company.

The Board unanimously agreed to the direction being considered and taken by the Chief who was given the go ahead to continue to pursue this avenue.

2. Burn permit jurisdiction

Appleton followed up with Ken Jones, the attorney for the Fire District, and found out there is a choice to continue the arrangement with Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and the City, or not. Appleton told the Board that he likes the idea of having authority to check on fire permit burning. Appleton said he wants to know who is burning so he can just check on things, not be an enforcer of a nuisance code having to do with grass and/or vegetation. Appleton said the benefit to having this service is potentially worth it and gives Appleton the opportunity to contact and help people know about driveway markers and fuel reduction. Matthisen felt it was a good idea if it is not going to overload the other work needing to be done. Hudson voiced his opposition to burn permits and the need to have one. Molesworth asked for a motion to approve the action of allowing the Fire Chief to delegate the authority to ODF and the City for issuing annual burn permits. Appleton said there was no need for a motion and that he would prefer to have a written burn permit issued by the City and ODF and notification regarding to whom those permits were issued.

Board member Matthisen was excused due to an optical issue.

3. Surplus property – Brush 83 & 35’ aluminum ladder

Appleton explained the reasons behind the need to surplus property owned by the District. Appleton said Brush 83 is old and no longer viable and there are other vehicles on hand which are used. The aluminum ladder did not pass inspection for safety and is unsafe and will no longer be used for those reasons and will most likely get scrapped for the value of the metal.

A motion was made by Board Member Hudson to declare Brush 83 & a 35’ aluminum ladder surplus property. Board Member Herman seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Volunteer Update was sent out for Board review. One notable thing was that Ellen Dittebrant and Jeff Behringer are halfway through the EMT class for certification. Decisions are being made regarding who receives the new gear turn-out fitting/sizing; those actively responding to fire calls. Board member Hudson mentioned that some firefighters can use the returned turn-outs from those who are receiving new ones.

CORRESPONDENCE – A Special District Annual conference flyer and registration was presented to the Board by Appleton for February 10, 11, and 12th in Sun River Resort.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of January, 2012

Attest:

Board President Darin Molesworth

Jean M. Hadley, Recorder