

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

DATE: August 11, 2016
7:00 p.m.

BOARD : Joanne Rubin, Joe Sacamano (via conference call), Darin Molesworth

Absent: Excused: Phil Evans

STAFF: Fire Chief Jim Appleton, Recorder Tracie Hornung, Bookkeeper Rhonda Starling

MOSIER FIRE VOLUNTEERS & ASSOCIATES: Maggie Goter

PUBLIC: Barb Ayers

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Board President Darin Molesworth at 7:18 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – Additions to the agenda: A MFD Volunteer request for payment to attend EMS conference, a draft letter re: UPRR second track, and a bill from 6 Rivers Dispute Resolution Center

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of July 21 & July 28
2. Review/Approve Bills

Board Member Joanne Rubin made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Board Member Joe Sacamano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. Second track draft letter

Rubin explained that the Wasco Co. Planning Commission is seeking input from Mosier Fire District by Sept. 6 re: Union Pacific RR's proposal to build a second track within the Mosier Fire District. She read from a draft letter written by Volunteers Kris Mcnall and Charles Young. Chief Appleton noted that he had received a newer draft earlier in the day and recommended that Mcnall, Young, a Board member and himself meet to review the new draft. The Board informally agreed. Bookkeeper Rhonda Starling said she would like to attend as a representative of Main St. Mosier. Rubin volunteered to represent the MFD Board. They will determine a time to meet next week.

2. Volunteer Reports

Volunteers President Maggie Goter said she, Young and Mcnall had been working on a MFD re-booting strategy with an "over-arching vision" of where the department should be. She said they were also working on Volunteer training. She added that officers of the Volunteers had written a letter to the editor of the Hood River News thanking the local responders who helped MFD with the June 3 oil train derailment.

3. Committee Reports

Appleton said the Capital Advisory Committee has the final change order for the mini-pumper and it is on schedule to be delivered in November. He also noted that the committee (made up of

Todd Reeves, Board members Evans and Sacamano, and himself) established to work on restructuring the fire department had not yet met and needed to schedule a time to do so.

4. Personnel Policy Update – Sick Leave

Starling presented a draft sick leave document for inclusion in the MFD Personnel Policy Handbook. The Board worked through the document and determined what staff positions qualified for sick leave and how sick leave will be calculated.

5. Kris Mcnall’s and Charles Young’s expenses for UPRR

Appleton explained that Mcnall and Young had worked for MFD for seven weeks full time following the oil train derailment, including filling in for him during his leave. He presented a draft invoice of their expenses. Appleton recommended that the bill be directly submitted to UPRR and if they “balked” to pay Mcnall and Young as 1099 contractors out of the MFD budget with MFD requesting, as part of a Team Mosier claim, reimbursement by UPRR. He also recommended that the Board wait to hear from Mcnall and Young re: the draft data on the invoice, and also to run the issue by the MFD attorney. A discussion followed.

Rubin made a motion to pay Mcnall and Young, following approval by Mcnall and Young and review by the district’s attorney, from the MFD budget and request reimbursement from UPRR. Sacamano seconded. The vote: Rubin and Sacamano, yea; Board member Molesworth nay. The motion carried.

6. Appointment to MFD Board Position 3

Rubin and Molesworth said they hadn’t seen the submitted resumes. Sacamano said he would send them to them. The issue was tabled and it was agreed that there would be a special meeting Aug. 8 at 4 p.m. to review the resumes.

7. District’s Attorney’s review of draft drug-free policy

Appleton said he hadn’t heard from the attorney yet.

8. District Vehicle & Apparatus Operation Policy

Tabled.

9. Volunteer request for MFD payment for conference

Appleton presented a request from MFD Volunteer Aurora Moore for payment to attend a three-day EMS conference in Sept. He noted there were funds in the budget for it.

Rubin made a motion to approve the payment of up to \$450, which may include travel expenses, for Volunteer Moore to attend the EMS conference; Molesworth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Bill from 6 Rivers Dispute Resolution Center

Appleton explained that he had had a mediation with the Mayor of Mosier recently and had intended to pay the bill himself, and was surprised that the bill from 6 Rivers came to MFD. After discussion it was informally agreed that MFD will submit the bill to the District’s health insurance provider.

11. Chief's Monthly Summary

Appleton said he was working through a backlog of work since his absence. He discussed the recent fire at Osborne Cutoff Rd.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION as per ORS 192.660(2)(a) to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent

The regular meeting was suspended and an executive session was convened at 8:35 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened.

Sacamano made a motion that the Board further investigate the possibility of an impartial assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of Mosier Fire Department (including the Board of Directors) by an out-of-area firm with a goal of an improvement of services, enhanced training and best possible organization. The Board will begin by asking for a presentation by the highly recommended Emergency Service's Consulting International company from Wilsonville, Oregon. Molesworth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2016

Attest:

Board President Darin Molesworth

Tracie Hornung, Recorder