

Mosier Fire District Board Meeting
Mosier Senior Center
500 East 2nd, Mosier Oregon 97040
September 13, 2018 at 18:00

M I N U T E S

Directors present: Ayers, Evans, Sacamano, Reeves, Rubin

Excused:

Staff: Bookkeeper Starling, Chief Renault

Public: Jim Appleton

Volunteers: Capt. Oswald, Matt Patterson

1) Call to Order 18:02

2) Agenda additions or corrections

Add: Municipal Financial Review per Rhonda Starling

3) Comments from the public (items not on the agenda) – None.

4) Consent Agenda

Approve Minutes from 8-23-2018 with corrections (one name: Joan Hudson, not Hamilton)

Review and approve bills for payment. Discussion: CPA and contractor working on fire rig.

Motion to approve the consent agenda: Sacamano Second: Rubin
Unanimous approval.

Public comments: Jim Appleton arrived later and asked to have his comments on the last meeting's agenda added. He spoke about how he wanted to see minutes and approve them and possibly change them before they are addressed by the Board. He wanted to prior meeting minutes to be reviewed from prior months and years, to be able to change minutes to add his comments.

MFD President Evans thanked Appleton for his feedback, and replied that meeting minutes are not a verbatim transcript of meetings or every comment made, but are a volunteer recorder's synopsis of major discussion and decisions made by the board for the public record.

5) Business:

1. Letter from MCF&R Board of Directors

President Evans read the letter – it mentioned Mid Columbia Fire & Rescue's interest in funding and merger or annexations at some point in the future. They could send a rep to a MFD meeting to talk about it. The Board letter asked if there is interest to talk to us about the pros and cons. Discussion was held about this issue, although we are not in a hurry to annex or expectation of merging at this time, but perhaps down the road it might be helpful. Conclusion was that we want to be a good partner and listen to our colleagues in Wasco County. Evans to follow up with them.

2. Joint Use Facility Update – no meeting or report; next meeting Wed. 9/26 at 3:30pm

3. Municipal Financial Review- Rhonda had handouts – she realized that our expenditures for the last fiscal year exceeded \$150,000 which triggers a fiscal review. She called the Secretary of State's Office and confirmed we need a review. She called about 15 accountants in Hood River and The Dalles and got one response. She got the list of certified auditors and obtained three bids. She discussed the bids in depth and recommended we go with The Dalles accountant to support local businesses. There was discussion by the Board about the process.

4. Motion: Rubin: 2nd: Evans: Hire Friend & Reagan CPA to do our municipal review. Unanimous approval.

5. Chief's Report

City finished the office work with carpet, paint, new door, City has done an amazing job to fix up both sides of the office facility with heating and cooling, paint and other improvements. We are paying for cost of carpet, about \$250 to do our part also. Chief added a new dry erase board and the office is getting cleaned up and squared away. City and MFD wanted to have pride of ownership and get some small public works projects done on our existing shared office space.

Most of the radios are updated – work is almost done. Capt. Young will be programing radios so we have enhanced interoperability.

Chief discussed highlights of a car accident on the freeway; both MFD and MCFR responded at Milepost 74.5 – an After Action Report would be done to capture lessons learned.

6. Volunteer Report

Capt. Oswald reported for the Volunteers - things are going well at MFD. Our team responded to Westside mutual aid request on the Westcliff Fire in Hood River County. Training is going forward and volunteers are happy.

Discussion about investigation into both Memaloose fire causes – nothing official has been determined yet. After the Memaloose 1 fire, volunteers got thank you letters and donations – some cash for volunteers and a Proxima projector for classes for their hard work in helping out.

7. Committee Report - none

8. Correspondence - none

9. Comments from the public (only items not on the agenda)

Jim Appleton asked if there were any committee meetings scheduled. (none, other than Joint Use Committee meetings- Board reply.) He said he is raising 4 issues in an upcoming letter he plans to send to the Board, about MFD calls and roster. He said he felt the public should know who is responding to calls. He would like a working group set up and wants to participate in it. Also wants to talk about Mutual Aid policy – how MFD personnel respond to mutual aid. Wants to know about DMV records. Wants Board to look at how MFD response plans have changed in the last year.

MFD President Evans thanked Appleton for his feedback

10. Adjournment 6:55 Motion: Ayers 2nd: Rubin

Phil Evans, Board President

Barb Ayers, Fill-in Recorder