

**Mosier Fire District Board Meeting  
Mosier Senior Center  
500 East 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mosier Oregon 97040  
Thurs. January 10, 2019 at 6:00pm**

**MINUTES**

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Phil Evans, Todd Reeves, Joanne Rubin, Joe Sacamano.  
Barb Ayers conferenced in by telephone for JUF (joint use facility) update.

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Renault

VOLUNTEERS PRESENT: Kris McNall, Ines Kemper

PUBLIC PRESENT: Witt Anderson , Jim Appleton, Joanne Hudson

CALL TO ORDER at 18:03 by Phil Evans

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS: None

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC: Jim Appleton stated that he heard the Board would be discussing some questions he posted last year. Phil Evans said he doesn't know anything about that.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve minutes from 12/13/18

Reviewed, approved and signed bills for payment.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Evans, seconded by Sacamono, consented by Rubin and Reeves.

BUSINESS

1. **SAFER Grant update – Mike:** no update due to Federal Government Shutdown.
2. **Purchasing Policy – Mike:** Chief called a number of other entities to inquire about their Purchasing Policies. Got some leads. Chief is to send out sample(s) for February meeting.
3. **Oregon Government Ethics Commission Report – Phil:** Phil announced that the Oregon Government Ethics Commission dismissed all complaints brought against members of the Mosier Fire District Board by Mr. Appleton. On February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Appleton also filed a complaint with the Wasco County District Attorney regarding Public Records Requests violations on which District Attorney Eric Nisley ruled that the District was also compliant.

4. **New Bookkeeper update – Mike:** Chief said that a transition meeting is scheduled for 1/16 between Rhonda (former bookkeeper) and new bookkeeper, Books by Bren, to transfer files. Format to remain the same. New bookkeeper will not attend Board Meetings. Discussion as to how new bookkeeper was chosen: Despite numerous phone calls, the new company was the only one to call back. Friend & Reagan stated they would not be able to do our annual reviews for audits if we utilized them for bookkeeping.
5. **Audit Update – Mike:** Purchasing Policy will be corrected. Kris stated that the audit documents are all available online through Oregon Secretary of State's website. Phil brought up Summary of Revenues Form and 7 deficits. Chief said corrections have been submitted.
6. **JUF site update (Joint Use Facility) – Joanne:** Barb Ayers conference called in for this topic. Joanne summarized that the decision is between two sites: the UP site (Union Pacific, 4 acres owned by the city that was part of the Team Mosier agreement) and the current city station/hall site with an additional property that would need to be purchased for "upper \$400K's". Discussion of pros and cons of both sites. Note that City Council had previously decided on UP site. Joanne stated for the record that she is concerned about the safety of the UP site during fire season because of the single-land bridge. Discussion about safety concern abatements and putting in lights. Short discussion about funding and the desire to avoid a bond. Phil Evans moved that MFD support the City with the Highway 30 site. Joanne seconded. 4 members approved, Joanne abstained. Phil to attend JUF meeting on 1/11/19
7. **Chief's Report:** 5 calls, 4 medical and 1 crash. 3 training drills attended by 7/14, 8/14, and 7/14 volunteers. MFD now has 3 HazMat ICs (Incident Commanders): Oswald, Renault, and Young.
8. **Volunteer Report:** volunteer association voted to continue as an entity, not disband. They will get dress shirts made for public interactions, education, and events with other departments. Joe Sacamono recognized Chief for his effort to reduce insurance costs by implementing more training.
9. **Committee Reports:** none
10. **Correspondence:** board members got magazines, and there was a letter from the audit company.
11. **Comments from the public (only items on the agenda):** Jim Appleton made three comments. (1) No public comment was allowed before the vote on JUF and that this is unfair to the public; the Board should add public comments before votes to its policy. (2) Regarding the audit violation found regarding the purchase of the tender- he said it was set up as a non-competitive bid and reviewed by attorney Ken Jones to make sure it was all legitimate. Suggested that the board review email correspondence from that time. (3) Appleton stated the correct name of the state ethics group is "Government Ethics Commission", not State Ethics Committee. Outcomes of the commission are posted on Oregon.gov/OGEC.

ADJOURNMENT: called 19:03 by Phil Evans