

Mosier Fire District Board Meeting

Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

Call to Order: 18:05 by Evans

Board Attendance: Evans, Reeves, Ayers, Renault, Fisher (joined 18:10). Absent: Rubin

Volunteer Board Secretary: Kemper, taking Minutes

Public: Appleton

Agenda additions or corrections: June 11, point #4 Ayers and Renault would work together to expedite the changes.

Comments from the public: none

Consent Agenda

- Approve Minutes from:
 - June 11, 2020 Board Meeting
 - June 9, 2020 Budget Committee Meeting
- Review and approve bills for payment: Reeves question on high cost of Communications Northwest, for radio communications. Radio we can clone on site.

Motion to approve the consent agenda. Evans moved, Ayers Seconded, all in favor (Fisher absent for this vote)

Business:

1. Surplus Engine #3 Sale update – Chief Renault: still working to sell. Starting tomorrow, there will be For Sale signs on the rigs. Will put on Daily Dispatch.
2. Update on Donation/Surplus Vehicle (Type 6 1980 ODF) – Chief Renault: will also get a For Sale sign; city wasn't interested.
3. Review of Bids for Alternate Water Supply – Chief Renault: received one bid, \$52,065, but it's incomplete, a few small items missing. Meets our requirements. Reeves asked if the price was as anticipated. Renault said it's a little higher because of the extra parts. Pump only is around \$48K. Estimated delivery date should be at the end of the month if not sooner. Pump is manufactured in Oregon. Renault had published a request for bids, but this is the only one that came in. Ayers suggested that he get some comps from the internet. Renault to look into what to do if there is only one bid, per legal requirements. Renault asked for vote to proceed. Evans moved that proceed to purchase water supply equipment barring any changes. Ayers seconded. All in favor (Fisher now present).
4. SAFER Grant Update – Chief Renault: Ayers says she met with Chief Renault about this today. Chief will work with a contractor within the next two weeks who knows the grants inside & out, what's allowable. Chief is concerned that we may not be able to spend it all as it is written. We can probably make an argument for an extension due to Covid. Renault added that there may be a way to reallocate money that will still meet "recruitment and extension". Evans asked where we might find a consultant. Chief will contact Hood River Fire Chief Damian and/or Parkdale chief to collaborate.
5. Chief's Report – Chief Renault: We had two larger fires where we assisted: Rowena and The Dalles. Rowena fire was on the news. Renault is working w Lt Brown at MCFD to get their old

bunker gear that still has some use in it. Jensen also offered to allow us to use their washing system for equipment.

6. Volunteer Report: no volunteers present
7. Committee Reports: no committees
8. Correspondence: none

Fisher mentioned he got an Email Oregon Fire District Association about a conference happening in October. There was surprise that they would have a physical meeting.

Adjournment at 18:40

Chief and Operations Report as of 7/01/2020

Training/Drills June

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we have participated in limited scheduled training as a group. This is for the limiting of the spread of any illness during the pandemic. All responders have been issued on-line training within Target Solutions and any training pushed out regarding webinars around the pandemic. Currently the district has completed 67 hours of training.

Monthly Runs:

10 runs to include the following:

5 EMS

1 Motor Vehicle Fires

2 Brush / Grass Fires

1 Motor Vehicle Crash

1 Dispatched and Cancelled

We responded to two fires along with agencies from MCFR, ODF, CGF, Dallesport and the Hood River Immediate needs responses. Each fire had some components listed above in response. The first fire known as the Rowena Fire that burned 15 acres and we were on the line for 8 hours. The second was a running fire in The Dalles between Jack in the Box and the Super 8 motel and the freeway. That incident lasted about 3 hours. Both fires are significant as we keep moving forward working closely with our neighbors.

Current Runs as of 5/31/2020: **66**

Call volume same time last year 2019: **62**

Average Time from Dispatch to on scene 11.63 minutes

Average responders on calls: 4

Firefighter / EMS and local training

- We have had others within the district has completed extra training for specific skill sets. One day and less and or 8 hours or less training.
- Captains Young and Oswald have completed their NFPA Fire Officer 1 class. Looking for a test date. (on hold due to pandemic)
- Captain Young is enrolled in a NFPA Firefighter 2 class. (on hold due to pandemic)
- Chief Renault has completed the NWCG Basic Air Operations S-270 which was held at Clackamas Community College. Class was a ZOOM style class.

Members:

- With the current members we have the following personal that is assigned to different companies. All personnel that is either qualified, in training / or task book or not qualified. This list is current as of 05/31/2020 so it reflects the current listings of the district members.
- Since June 2017 we have completed new certifications for 7 members ranging from wildland firefighter (NWCG) structural firefighter (NFPA) and the adding of certifications to the current members. The district has come a long way from the first training session that I started back on June 5th 2017. Back on that date the district had 17 members on the sign in roster and only 3 members (not counting myself) certified as a NFPA FF-1. Today we have people certified through DPSST in many disciplines and levels, which is a big change from 3 years ago. We still have a long way to go. Today the Mosier Fire District is better trained, better equipped and has seen many improvements. Our numbers have not really changed in the last couple of years. We have a good 16 members deep with at least $\frac{3}{4}$ active in training and $\frac{1}{2}$ active in response which in smaller districts is great.
- 8 of 16 qualified as NFPA FF-1, 4 of 16 are NFPA FF-1 (T)
- 3 of 16 qualified as NFPA FF-2, 1 of 16 is NFPA FF-2 (T)
- 7 of 16 qualified as NFPA HAZMAT OPS
- 3 of 16 qualified as NFPA HAZMAT IC
- 1 of 16 qualified as NFPA FO-1, 2 of 16 are NFPA FO-1 (T)
- 4 of 16 qualified as NFPA Inst 1
- 2 of 16 qualified as Incident Safety Officer
- 2 of 16 qualified as Health and Safety Officer
- 3 of 16 qualified as Life Safety Awareness (OSFM)
- 1 of 16 qualified as Company Inspector (OSFM)
- 12 of 16 Qualified as NWCG FF Type 2
- 3 of 16 qualified as NWCG Type 1, 3 of 16 are NWCG Type 1 (T)
- 2 of 16 qualified as NWCG Type 5 IC, 3 of 16 are NWCG Type 5 (T)
- 1 of 16 qualified as NWCG Type 4 IC
- 3 of 16 qualified as NWCG Engine Boss

- 2 of 16 are NWCG Task Force / Strike Team LDR (T)
- 4 of 16 are First Aid
- 2 of 16 Oregon EMR's
- 5 of 16 Oregon EMT's
- 1 of 16 Oregon EMT-A
- 2 of 16 Oregon EMT-I
- 2 of 16 Oregon EMT-P

Operations:

- The District are involved with Ongoing meetings in regards of the COVID-19 pandemic along with webinars. We are following many different procedures from the following: Local EMS Protocols, Wasco CO health guidelines, OSFM, CDC and the like. We have developed a basic response and decon plan with the help of Capt Young. Along with a new Wildland Fire Response Plan COVID-19 Pandemic for the NW area.

- We have completed our DPSST Accreditation recertification last month. With the updated certification we are looking to train and certify in house the following classes:

- NFPA 1001 Firefighter 1
- NFPA 1001 Firefighter 2
- NFPA 1002 Driver / Operator
- NFPA 1072 Hazardous Materials Responder
- NWCG Firefighter Type 2
- NWCG Firefighter Type 1

With these classes we will be able to do more in house for training and certification. There will be a FF-1 academy in the near future which will help with the one new member for training.

- Still doing as much as normal day to day operations as we can
- Chief Renault is still assisting in the UC as a Deputy Branch Director in ESF 4 (Firefighting) and 10 (HAZMAT) with Chief Wood.
- Along with the COVID-19 pandemic we are slowly starting to ramp up for the fire season. The predictive services with NWS has done the current briefing for the next three months and September. So we will be following the weather and drought index a little closer.
- We have begun and continuing to complete some hydrant testing and operations in conjunction with the city in regard to hydrant flow testing. the fire hydrants within the city with the water operator.
- We are in the final stages for the IGA for medication orders through Hood River Fire.
- Continue looking at adding a strike team / task force module for the county for conflagrations and or immediate needs response. This goal benefits both the Fire District and the Volunteers. Along with the beginning of fire season around the corner working on auto aid and mutual aid agreements with our cooperators to include the two state, four

county response plans. Working on the new 2019/2020 Oregon Fire Mobilization Plan along with updating the FDBC on our capabilities for the fire season.

- Working on setting up training through SDAO / SDIS for continuing agency safety training and OSHA training. (On hold)
- New Oregon Fire Code is out and going through it before the next training session along with an implementation plan. (On hold)

PPE –Personnel Protective Equipment and Equipment:

- Continue to stock and supply off lists from FEMA, NFPA, ISO and industry best practices of required equipment that is required for the apparatus to include the new engine. This is an ongoing mission as we are short a lot of equipment. However with the upcoming fire season we have been able to allocate more equipment for that mission. But we still have shortages for equipment. We are really hoping for the 35,000.00 from the UP equipment fund will help right size the district for response equipment and fill the gaps in shortages. We have done very well with surplus equipment that have been donated to the district from many different agencies and organizations. Without their help and assistance we could not be as effective.
- We are looking at the purchase of a Life Pak 15 this budget year 20/21 to slowly replace the two LP-12” that had been donated. We are at the life’s end of the LP-12’s as the company will not service them anymore. So we need to start to look at the future to the rotation of the Life-Paks. Since Life Paks are so new within the system most agencies are not parting with them for donations to agencies. Even if agencies buy newer systems, they still get a smoking deal for the turn-in of the units.
- Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue might have some bunker gear available for us. It is used but has 2-3 years of life left.
- Looking at ordering PPE from stockpile for the COVID-19 issues. We have some equipment, but we are also short of items and local vendors don’t have any availability of items.
- We have a truck that will be turned in / sold on site from FEPP that we have control of. (On Hold until FEPP Rep comes down to inventory).
- Looking at doing some wildland equipment purchases for this season.

Submitted respectfully

Michial Renault

Fire Chief