

# **Mosier Fire District Board Meeting**

## **Thursday, September 10th, 2020 at 6:00pm**

**Due to Covid-19, the meeting was a virtual Zoom meeting**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

**Call to Order: 18:06 by Evans**

**Board Attendance:** Evans (until 19:00), Reeves, Renault, Fisher. Absent: Ayers

**Volunteer Board Secretary:** Kemper, taking Minutes

**Public:** Jim Appleton, Joe Sacamono

**Volunteers:** Kris McNall, Captain Oswald

**Agenda additions or corrections:**

**Comments from the public:** Appleton wants emails to be added as “comment from the public” section. That summary is included in these Draft Minutes, below.

#### **Consent Agenda**

- Approve Minutes from:
  - July 9, 2020 Board Meeting
- Review and approve bills for payment

Motion to approve the consent agenda. Moved by Evans, Rubin 2nded, Fisher & Reeves in favor (Ayers not yet present at the meeting)

NOTE: DUE TO THE MOSIER CREEK FIRE, THERE WAS NO AUGUST BOARD MEETING

#### **Business:**

1. Mosier Creek Fire – Chief Renault: fire started quickly, within 90 minutes, he called for conflagration because of structures threatened at the time. There was a water supply concern because of the power loss. However, we had significant water storage in the wells prior to the water loss. Chief had requested 2 strike teams with strike team leaders of water tenders from both Klickitat and Skamania counties, which were eventually not needed. The cause of the fire was still under investigation. They don't appear to be connected. Captain Young and Captain Oswald were first on scene, were ordering resources before Chief could arrive. Ops were already suppressing a brush fire by the interstate which started shortly before. Had about 100 rural firefighters on the ground, not including ODF.
2. White River Fire – Chief Renault: Was actually two separate incidents. The first was Thursday, by Juniper Flat. We deployed a Type 6 with 2 person crew. Tied in with others to create a large task force. Did largely structural triage. Were released before it went to conflagration. Second part, crews were called up on Saturday when weather turned for the worse, and they needed more resources. District will be paid for the incident. Reeves asked re local protocol for coverage. Chief says there is always at least one officer left in town. This week, there have been other requests, but because of our staffing levels, we were unable to send staff. This week, there was a fire at Garnier vineyard and while 3 MFD personnel were fighting it, another fire started at the top of State Road. Mid-Columbia was able to respond to that on our behalf.

3. Vehicle Issues – Chief Renault: Ran into issues during the fires. Loss of turbo hose on 11, loss of air valve on one of the tenders. Squad 12 is out of service right now, the brand new one, got significant damage on the foam system from getting hi-centered while turning around at a fire on upper Carroll Road. In repair in Hillsboro at True North. Sits so low that lines scrape when they go over a speed bump.
4. Surplus Engine #3 Sale update – Chief Renault: everything is sold.
5. Update on Donation/Surplus Vehicle (Type 6 1980 ODF) – Chief Renault: being used at a worksite near Woodland.
6. LifePak 15 and list of items for purchasing – Chief Renault: Seeking Board's approval, had budgeted \$25,000 for a refurbished one. Reeves is asking about the 12s. Chief says they're not serviceable anymore for field use. It is becoming too difficult and costly to find an agency to repair and service the 12s. The 15 will replace one of the 12, which will go on the primary rig. The 12 will go on the secondary medical rig, and the other will be usable for parts. Fisher made motion to purchase. Rubin seconded. Opposed by Reeves because it's a short lead time on currently working equipment.
7. Update on purchase of Alternate Water Supply – Chief Renault: Being built, should be done any day. Made small modifications to match our adapter. Came in under original approved cost. Looking to replace Engine 13 with a bigger/better. Located a 2003 HME Fox Fire Engine with a 1250 pump and 700 gallon tank. Turnkey, including hose and ladders. Has been a Reserve Rig since 2008 and expected to last for us for 15 years. It would make all our equipment from late 90s or newer. Safer for our personnel. Fits 5 people. Asking price is \$49,000. Chief is asking \$54K for other incidentals. Engine 13 is a 1982 and is getting old and parts are getting harder to find for it. Reeves asked if it will really get that much use. Chief says our call volumes are increasing. Currently our purchases are limited because our stations are small and can't fit large equipment. Evans asked what other needs there might be in the future. Chief says that we will need brush engines that are more modern. Reeves is requesting more visuals/structure to explain what the needs are. Chief says we need to look at ISO ratings, and a 1982 engine would not help with that. Reeves asked if it might be cheaper at auction. Renault did comps and found a similar rig, older with less equipment for more money. Will have special Board Meeting after Secretary Kemper works with Chief to put together equipment list.
8. SAFER Grant Update & contractor information – Chief Renault: Waiting for FEMA and Hood River Chief to rewrite it. Have ordered Bunker Gear off the grant.
9. Joint Use Facility (JUF) Update – Renault: meetings have been slow due to Covid
10. Chief's Report – Chief Renault: included in this document. Renault also stated he needs Board to approve fire hose and nozzles. Fisher moved to purchase, Rubin seconded. Reeves in favor.
11. Volunteer Report – Captain Oswald: a couple of volunteers want to update the website. Want to recruit for more volunteers.
12. Committee Reports: none
13. Correspondence: none

**Adjournment 19:32 by Rubin**

## **Public Comments Submitted by Jim Appleton**

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email from Phil Evans 9/11/2020:

*I'm sure these will be discussed and I will submit your comments.*

*Thanks,*

*Phil*

> On Sep 11, 2020, at 16:24, Jim Appleton <jim.appleton.mosier@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hello Phil --

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> I question at least two aspects of this topic, and I request that my written comments here be included in their entirety in the public record.

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> First, all discussion of this proposed purchase omits any reference to purchase price, how such a purchase affects overall budget of the district, and what strategic goal is intended to be fulfilled.

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> Second, MFD's current and recent apparatus replacement decisions appear to be haphazard, responding to opportunities rather than to identified needs and longterm objectives. What equipment will our volunteers use most effectively over a predictable period of time?

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> As a taxpaying constituent, I need confidence that any purchase choice is made with long-term, consistent planning, not simply reflex reaction to what comes up on the used market, given we now have a relative glut of funds.

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email to Phil Evans 9/10/2020:

Hello Phil --

*I am expecting my emails going back since the last MFD board meeting to be acknowledged as public comment.*

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email to Mike Renault 8/26/2020:

*Can you confirm that old content is preserved when transferred?*

*On Wed, Aug 26, 2020, 16:21 Mike Renault <mike.renault@mosierfire.com> wrote:*

*Good afternoon,*

*Yes, we are working on a new site that does not have a bunch of ads on the page.*

*Mike*

*On Wed, Aug 26, 2020 at 4:10 PM Jim Appleton <jim.appleton.mosier@gmail.com> wrote:*

*Is there a reason that the landing page for mosierfire.com is six months old?*

## **Chief and Operations Report as of 9/01/2020**

### **Training/Drills August**

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 83.0 hours of training. We also have been working with our counterparts to the east for training.

### **Monthly Runs:**

28 runs to include the following:

8 EMS

6 Brush Fires

1 Structure Fire (Auto aid to HR)

2 Motor Vehicle Crashes

1 Dispatched and Cancelled

1 Stand by / Move Up

3 Other / Unauth Burninig

6 Smoke scare

Current Runs as of 8/31/2020: **115**

Call volume same time last year 2019: **82**

Average Time from Dispatch to on scene 11.63 minutes

Average responders on calls: 4

### **Firefighter / EMS and local training**

- EMTA-Intermediate Calss is begining
- 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 08/31/2020 so it reflects the current listings of the district members.
- The biggest change or addition to the list is that Chief Renault is now qualified as a Strike Team Leader Engine and Task Force Leader. This means during conflagrations he can take a strike team or task force from Wasco county out on assignment. This is a great accomplishment for the district as the district never had a position like that filled. Collectively that adds one more for the district which has 5 now in the whole county that is "Qualified" through DPSST.
- Capt Young is now qualified as a NWCG firefighter type 1
- 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
- 4 of 16 qualified as NWCG Type 1
- 4 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
- 1 of 16 are NWCG Task Force / Strike Team LDR, 1 of 16 is a STLDR/TFLDR (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
  - NFPA 1072 Hazardous Materials IC
  - 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.

- Had some damage to equipment from the Mosier Creek Incident.
- Still doing as much as normal day to day operations as we can
- Along with the COVID-19 pandemic we are in full mode for the wildland fire season. The predictive services with NWS has done the current briefing for the next three months. During the month of September they are predicting significant wildland fire potential. Above normal significant wildland potential indicated a greater than usual likelihood the significant wildland fire will occur. So we will be following the weather and drought index a little closer.
- We have been in Fire Weather Watch twice in July and Red Flag Warnings once. These typically hit our area middle of July through end of August. Sometimes expand into September.
- 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. We did respond twice to the White River Incident as part of a TF

- 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) The mid-cycle updates from the OSFM is on hold till the beginning of the new year due to COVID

#### **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 month to replace one of 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.
- Along with purchasing equipment for right-sizing the operations.
- Looking for the possibility of either a Type 3,4 or 6 through FEPP to add to the equipment.

Submitted respectfully

Michial Renault

Fire Chief