

Mosier Fire District Board Meeting

Thursday, October 8th, 2020 at 6:00pm

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

MINUTES

Board present: Rubin, Reed, Fisher
Excused absences: Ayers, Evans
Volunteers present: Captain Oswald
Public: no public present

Call to Order 18:02 by Rubin

Agenda additions or corrections

Comments from the public

Consent Agenda

- Approve Minutes from:
 - Sept. 10, 2020 Board Meeting
 - Sept. 12, 2020 special board meeting for engine acquisition
- Review and approve bills for payment

Motion to approve the consent agenda. Moved by Fisher, 2nd Reeves, all in favor

Business:

1. Fire Season – Chief Renault: slowly dwindling down. Scenic Area is even doing some controlled burns. Rubin asked if there was a cause for Mosier Creek Fire. Chief said it is still under investigation. Rubin expressed concern about the rumors.
2. LifePak 15 and list of items for purchasing – Chief Renault: Purchased it and its incidentals. Scheduled in-service training before it is put in the field for use.
3. Update on purchase of Alternate Water Supply – Chief Renault: Pump company says it's ready to go except for one hose, then we'll be able to pick it up. Expects to p/u within the week. Rubin asked where it will be stored. It's an industrial closed trailer and can be stored outside.
4. SAFER Grant Update & contractor information – Chief Renault: Got info back from FEMA, is working with Kris tomorrow to make amendments. Some stuff on order for the new guys. We are having problems getting stuff from vendors due to Covid.
5. Vehicle Issues – Chief Renault: We've had some issue, probably because we are busier than normal. Regular wear and tear. Still waiting to hear back for quotes on the Squad (new piece of equipment we purchased 3 years ago). We got the vehicle that we had the special meeting for. Transferring equipment from old to new before the old one is sold. Expect to put it in service next week.
6. Schedule date to complete current vehicle inventory in preparation for comprehensive apparatus acquisition plan (spreadsheet in collaboration with secretary Kemper) – Chief Renault: will be complete by next board meeting.
7. Chief's Report – Chief Renault: see end of these Minutes. Two in college for intermediate: Firefighter EMT Goter and Chief Renault. Reeves asked what a "citizen complaint" is. When

it's through 911 it has to be documented when someone complains about an issue. Reeves asked what a "service call" is. Chief gave example of "my smoke detector is going off and I don't know why."

8. Volunteer Report: Oswald expresses appreciation for support and new equipment and chief pulling it all together.
9. Committee Reports: none
10. Correspondence: volunteers have received a bunch of thank you's. Accolades and kudos. The community is seeing the hard work.

The next Board Meeting will be on November 12th.

Adjournment: Rubin at 18:21

Chief and Operations Report as of 10/01/2020

Training/Drills October

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we have participated in limited scheduled training as a group.

9/7/20 No Training, Labor Day Holiday

9/14/20 Apparatus And Equipment Checks 7 of 16

9/21/20 New Equipment and Company drills 8 of 16

9/26/20 EMS-Pediatrics 8 of 16

Currently the district has completed 72.30 hours of training. There is also an added of 8 hours each week for the Advanced EMT / EMT Intermediate training for a couple of members so the hours are going to be higher but I'm not adding each class to the listed training.

Monthly Runs:

28 runs to include the following:

7 EMS

3 Motor Vehicle Crash

7 Brush / Grass Fires

1 Car Fire

- 1 Fire Other
- 4 Smoke Scares
- 1 HAZMAT Gas Leak
- 1 Citizen Complaint
- 1 Public Assist
- 1 Service Call
- 1 Dispatched and Cancelled

It has been a busy September with calls. We have documented 28 calls for service (CFS) this year which shows a big increase for CFS. Looking back five (5) years ago we were showing eight (8) CFS. Looking at the leading years up to 2020, 2016 and 2017 we showed 2 CFS and 2018 had 10 CFS and of last year 14 CFS. So we are still showing an upward trend of calls. But this last month has been one of the busiest months this year. The district did respond to an immediate need response to the White River Fire along with a Conflagration response for the White River Fire. As you can see call volumes are increasing every year. Just over a 50 percent increase in the past 5 years.

Current Runs as of 9/30/2020: **143**

Call volume same time last year 2019: **96**

Call volume same time 2015: **70**

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)
- Captain Young is enrolled in a NWCG S-230 Crew Boss class that is the first step for qualification for Engine Boss.
- FF / EMT Goter and Chief Renault is currently enrolled in the Advanced EMT along with the Intermediate course at Columbia Gorge Community College. Course is running until May timeframe.

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 ¾ active in training and ½ active in response which in smaller districts is great.
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- 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, 1 of 16 are NWCG ENGB (T)
 - 1 of 16 are NWCG Task Force / Strike Team LDR 1 of 26 ST/TFLDT (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 is continuing to be 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 completed our DPSST Accreditation recertification along with the new accreditation for the Fire District. The official documentation with signatures have returned from DPSST. With the updated certification we can 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 HAZMAT Incident Commander
- 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 is a current FF-1 academy in the Valley.

- Still doing as much as normal day to day operations as we can
- We have completed 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. With this year's fire season call up for conflagration for us locally has increased. We have had 4 calls for response for conflagrations and we were only to fill one request. The reason we only filled one request it is driven by staffing and to make sure we don't leave the district unstaffed

- 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 have been slowly using the 35,000.00 from the UP equipment fund that is helping right size the district for response equipment and fill the gaps in shortages. We have ordered newer hose for the apparatus along with eight (8) new suppression nozzles for the attack hoses on the engines. This helps and ensures that all of the nozzles are the same and helps both with the attack crew for suppressing the

fire and engineers for pumping the lines. As I have said in the past the district has done very well with surplus equipment that have been donated to the district from many different agencies and organizations. With out their help and assistance we could not be as effective.

- We have obtained a new engine for the district. This engine will be placed in service ASAP we need to do training both on the pumping system as well as driving the engine. This engine should give the district 10-15 years of service. The oldest apparatus in the fleet now is a 1991 which that engine will serve the district for 10 years. With the replacement plan we should be able to purchase a new engine in 10 years.
- We have ordered a Life Pak 15 on this budget year 20/21 to replace one of the two LP-12's 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