

Mosier Fire District Board Meeting

Thursday, November 12th, 2020 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

Board present: Evans, Reed, Fisher, Reeves

Excused absences: Ayers

Volunteers present: Kris McNall

Public: no public present

Call to Order 18:00 by Evans

Agenda additions or corrections: none

Comments from the public: none

Consent Agenda

- Approve Minutes from Oct 8, 2020 Board Meeting
- Review and approve bills for payment

Motion to approve the consent agenda. By Evans, Rubin 2nded, all in favor.

Business:

1. Update on purchase of Alternate Water Supply – Chief Renault: device is completely constructed, ready to go. Small glitch: Before check can be signed for payment, we need to have another special budget hearing to transfer the money over. Will have on 11/23 at 1800.
2. SAFER Grant Update & contractor information – Chief Renault: Intend to put out for bid someone to hire someone to manage the grant. Someone will work on recruiting and retention. Chief will fly the job posting in-house for one week. Job Description: same thing that Appleton put in the paperwork: ¾ time with benefits, on a temporary basis (until the SAFER Grant expires). Grant manager will work on website recruitment for volunteers, manage the grant funds, determine what past things MFD can be reimbursed for within the grant's parameters. Possibly the manager will create YouTube ads geared toward recruitment, purchase durables as allowed by the limitations in which the grant was written. Reeves asked what percentage of grant will be used for the position, Chief stated it will be within the parameters of the grant. Renault expects to post the job announcement by Monday. Reeves questioned if we could get more equipment, McNall noted that those options are extremely restricted. Discussion ensued whether this would burden MFD non-grant finances and it will not. Evans moved to move forward with a temporary recruitment retention officer by the recruitment and retention grant. 2nded by Ruben. All in favor.
3. Vehicle Issues, Squad repair – Chief Renault: Squad 12 was damaged in September because the CAFS (compressed air foam system) high-centered and was damaged. Repair will cost nearly \$7K if it were to be restored to pre-loss condition. The problem with ground clearance would not be remedied and it would likely be damaged again. Because of its limitation, MFD would avoid using the Squad to prevent repeat damage. To make it roadworthy (increase clearance), it'll cost \$1K to remove the CAFS system equipment. Insurance deductible is \$500. The pump is too large for the vehicle, which is why it is so low to the ground. A lift kit would cost a lot because it would need to be re-engineered for new drive lines. Fisher asked for clarification: squad has foam system, just won't be compressed air foam. CAFS has more air in the system. CAFS is good for structural protection because

- you can make it different consistency. Chief said that even driving over a speed bump slowly drags the equipment. Board discussed the issue with Chief Renault and agreed that it was an Operational decision, but agrees that removing the CAFS will make the vehicle usable in the district. CAFS will be stored and can be reinstalled at a future date, if deemed appropriate. Chief plans to remove the CAFS at a cost of \$1000 rather than filing an insurance claim to save \$500, keeping insurance costs down in the event of future claims.
4. Review of Vehicle Inventory (spreadsheet in collaboration with secretary Kemper) – Chief Renault. Spreadsheet was presented to Board with Board Package. McNall asked if we need to address future purchases. Chief said until we have a new fire station, we are limited on what we can purchase it because our buildings are so small. There was some discussion about potential future opportunity purchases from deeply discounted sources and Chief clarified “Federal Excess Property”.
 5. Discuss how to complete funding for Mosier Center i.e. loan/bond - Evans: since Covid has slowed down things, not much has changed. The city might be able to rearrange some funding that would provide \$2.3 million. Project will be \$4.5 to \$5 million. Will need to come up with 1 to 1 ½ million, depending on how the grant writing and fundraising goes. We could take out \$2.5 million in loans in worst-case scenario. Laid out different scenarios of how these funds could be secured. Fisher feels a bond would be better received by the public. Rubin agrees. Evans summarized that this conversation was introductory, and other informational discussions will follow as more information/terms are acquired.
 6. Chief’s Report – Chief Renault: Report is included at the bottom of these Minutes. Rubin asked for clarification on PPE availability. Chief said it will continue to be harder to do hands-on training, but on-line training will continue.
 7. Volunteer Report: Just ordered AEDs to put into the Mosier Senior Center and the Mosier Market.
 8. Committee Reports
 9. Correspondence: district and volunteers have been getting a lot of thank-yous and accolades.

Special Budget Committee meeting on 11/23.

Next Month’s Board Meeting will be on December 10th.

Adjournment. 19:58 by Evans

Chief and Operations Report as of 11/01/2020

Training/Drills October

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. The training has been going on in person on training days. However, if personnel don’t feel safe coming to training we understand that and we don’t force the issue, we have been having about 7 semi-regularly at training. The next big hurdle will be the winter as we do not have a great way to hold training short of parking apparatus outside during the training. Currently the district has completed 140.0 hours of training.

Monthly Runs:

12 runs to include the following:

- 3 EMS
- 2 Authorized Controlled Burning
- 2 Structure Fire (Auto aid to HR)
- 1 Motor Vehicle Crashes
- 2 Dispatched and Cancelled
- 1 Stand by / Move Up
- 1 Other / Unauth Burning

Current Runs as of 10/31/2020: **155**

Call volume same time last year 2019: **108**

Average Time from Dispatch to on scene 11.63 minutes

Average responders on calls: 4

Firefighter / EMS and local training

- EMTA-Intermediate Class is beginning
- 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 has completed the NWCG S-230 Crew Boss class. This is the first class needed before the S-231 Engine Boss Class.

Members:

The district has a new member that is currently in background checks and is currently enrolled in the EMT course at Columbia Gorge Community College. After the checks are completed, we'll have a new member in the ranks.

- 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 is involved with Ongoing meetings in regards of the COVID-19 pandemic along with webinars. We are continuing to follow many different procedures from the following: Local EMS Protocols, Wasco CO health guidelines, OSFM, CDC and the like.
- We have completed and now Officially Approved as an Accredited agency to provide in house training. 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. Our accreditation is good until September 2023. We are also looking at setting up instructors within the district to be able to provide out of district training for the same above classes.

- Still doing as much as normal day to day operations as we can
- Fire Season is closed!! It was a busy operational year for the district. We responded to 20 fires in 4 months. Granted 5 fires a month but with the hours 4 fires were in excess of 12

hours. With all of the fires we had locally and assisted with we were still able to cover the district and respond to help our neighbors.

- The new fire engine has been placed in service and seems to working out well for the district. With the apparatus in the district the oldest piece of responding equipment is a 1991 international the was purchased from Wy'East Fire District. With that engine we can see an easy 10 years of service life form the engine.
- Annual Hose, Ladder, Pump Testing and Fire Extinguishers has been completed for this year. This is an annual requirement for NFPA Standards along with ISO ratings.
- 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:

- We have been able to start filling and fixing shortages of suppression equipment. We have been able to replace all of the initial attack nozzles on all of the apparatus. Along with nozzles the updated 4" LDH has arrived and placed into service. So now all of our engines are carrying 4" LDH for water supply, with 500' in reserve to reload on apparatus if needed.
- We have purchased the new Life Pak 15. As stated earlier 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.
- We are also going to start looking at the future of purchasing a new engine (brand new) for the district. We are still 5 years out but now is the time to start moving funds towards the new engine. A lot of the planning does have to coincide with the new Joint Use Facility as we will not be able to purchase a new unit until we have a building to house it in. Buying a custom build unit to fit in our stations would cost us more.
- 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