

Mosier Fire District Board Meeting
Thursday, April 8th, 2021 at 6:00pm
Held as a Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Board present: **Evans, Ayers, Reeves, Rubin**

Volunteers present: McNall, Oswald

Staff present: Captain Renault, Maggie Goter

Public: Appleton

Minutes taken by Goter

Call to Order by Evans at 18:03

Agenda additions or corrections

Comments from the public: Appleton submitted a written comment to correct the March minutes and clarify the wording of the question he asked last meeting. See March 2021 meeting minutes for details.

Consent Agenda

- Approve Minutes from March Board Meeting
- Review and approve bills for payment

Motion to approve the consent agenda: Evans moved, Rubin seconded. All in favor.

Business:

1. Update on Budget Committee – Evans. Budget committee is meeting April 27, May 18, June 8th, and June 29 as needed. Still needs one more member.
2. Board Election – Evans. Update on candidates: Reeves is running unopposed for Position 2. Ayers is running for reelection for Position 3. Pete Lawson and Jim Appleton are also running for Position 3.
3. Updates on available grants (PSPS, CARES, fire prevention) discussed in March meeting. See Chief's Report. PSPS: Not much money being released. CARES: this grant is intended more for transporting agencies, which we are not. Fire prevention: See chief's report.
4. Update on Covid Vaccinations – Chief Renault: All volunteers who want to be vaccinated have been. The few holdouts who have not chosen to get vaccinated still have the option to be vaccinated in the future. New volunteers should finish their vaccinations this week or next week. This will bring us to approx 90% vaccinated for district. McNall clarifies that the CDC recommendations about foregoing masks in vaccinated groups are for private settings and that the official recommendations still advise masks & social distance for public settings.
5. SAFER Grant Progress Update and Expense Reimbursements – Chief Renault. Renault and Goter are working to get documentation finalized to submit expense reports.
6. Chief's Report – Chief Renault. See written report. We have one more application which would bring us to 23 volunteers. Some new volunteers have existing qualifications (including Instructor 1) and many will do FFT1 training this month. Some will do FFT2 in June. >90% will be qualified as wildland FFT2 or better by the peak of wildland season. Goter and Renault passed their NREMT AEMT (Advanced EMT) final practical exams. Renault is looking into a Federal Excess Property grant for a Type 3 engine.

Reviewed backing incident. No insurance claim filed. \$91 to repair damage to Engine 12. Chief Renault reviewed proper backing protocol with volunteers after the incident. Safety committee will review it.

Fire season is quickly approaching. There have already been fires of significance in Washington, South Wasco County, Deschutes basin (some with Level 3 evacuations). Wy'East Fire District has had 2 fires - 6 acre Fir Mountain Fire and 1.5 acre Whiskey Creek Fire, which had the potential to be more significant due to high winds. Conditions are dry. Almost all fires of significance have been human-caused - we're being vigilant with public education.

7. Volunteer Report: Oswald. The Volunteers Association has purchased AEDs for the community to be placed at the Mosier Market and the Senior Center. The AED for the Mosier Market is being installed next Monday at 5:30. Local news has been contacted to cover the event. It's "exciting" right now with all the new people coming on.
8. Committee Reports - none.
9. Correspondence. Magazines from Fire District Directors' Association.

Next Month's Board Meeting will be on May 13th.

Adjourned at 18:39.