

Mosier Fire District Board Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6 pm
Held as in-person and Zoom Meeting

Attendance

- **Board Members:** Todd Reeves, Joanne Rubin, Carol Goter, Rob Miller
- **Staff:** Chief Michael Carlson

Call to order 1809 by Joanne Rubin

Agenda additions or corrections: None

Comments from the public: None

Consent agenda - Motion made by Rubin to approve; Goter seconded; unanimous approval by board.

Business:

1. Volunteer Report: None

2. Board

2.a. Swearing in of Rob Miller: Rob Miller sworn in by Chief Carlson

2.b Board Representative to April Drill: Rob Miller will go to a drill. Reeves will also try to attend a drill.

2.c SDAO Board Training: Can't happen at the Sr Center due to a scheduling conflict. Chief will get us booked into the Grange, 4/17/24, 10-Noon.

2.d Board President Tenure: Rubin will resign as Board President due to medical reasons. Board Vice President Reeves will assume office of President contingent on his personal business workload, and Rubin will be Vice President. Rubin offered continued support, as did the rest of the board, suggesting that Reeves delegate as needed. **Motion** made by Miller to appoint Reeves as Board President, Rubin as Vice President. Seconded by Rubin. Approved unanimously.

3. Financials:

3.a. Discussion of current members, Craig Funk, Tim Hudson, Al Soresstad.

3.b. Discussion to reappoint Wade Root to his 1-year position. Rubin made a **motion** to appoint Wade Root for another 1-year term. Goter seconded; unanimously approved.

3.c. Discussion regarding filling the open position. Goter will arrange an announcement in the April Mosier Valley Newsletter.

3.d. First budget meeting will be April 25, 2024, at 5 pm at Senior Center

Goter questioned why there was so much money in the First Interstate checking account. Chief stated it never was moved by the bookkeeper. When McNall returns, we will discuss transferring those funds.

4. District Vision Statement: Chief Carlson will re-send samples. Revisit at April meeting.

5. JUF Update: Per Chief Carlson, final design was to have been completed by 4/8/24, but it had to be pushed to 4/28/24 due to ODOT having issues with the easement plan. Chief Carlson wasn't included in the email so did not have details, but has been informed by Jayme from Mosier City that he will be included going forward.

Chief Carlson reported receiving email from Mosier mayor asking if we'd gotten our MOU back from our lawyers. Rubin, who had not been at the February meeting, requested that the MOU draft be sent to her and she will follow up with MFD attorney. Goter stated that at that February meeting, the MOU was discussed at length, specifically regarding separating the lease from the O&M part of the MOU and clarifying ongoing financial responsibility/support for operations/maintenance costs of different parts of the JUF.

Goter agreed to bring Rubin up to speed on details of the February discussion prior to her addressing the entire document with the attorney. Miller suggested that this is a good opportunity to revisit the terms of the MOU, and Rubin stated that is what she intends to find out.

Miller suggested that the ODOT delay could be a serious obstacle and the details need to be known/addressed so that we can proceed expeditiously on the MOU. Reeves agreed that MFD needs to move on this as Mosier City has been asking for this for a while. He also asked whether the intent of the MOU at this point is to reach agreement at a higher level, to be followed by working together on a more detailed plan, and emphasized that our funding is contingent on MOU resolution. Chief requested via email from Jayme detailed information regarding the ODOT delay.

6. Pending Agreements: Chief Carlson reviewed 6a-6d (see agenda) with the board explaining that 6a and 6b are mutual aid agreements that are identical to what we've had in the past and just need renewing. Goter requested and received clarification that there are no insurance implications (personal or property) on responding to other agencies' requests. Chief Carlson also explained 6c and 6d, that these are standard hose and ladder testing renewals. Reeves made the **motion** to approve Chief Carlson's proceeding with all four pending agreements, seconded by Rubin, unanimously approved.

7. Chief's report: Review of previous and upcoming trainings and February calls (up 1 call from February 2023). Still looking for grants for SCBAs and a fill station. Working on the Vensel Rd annexation letters. The letters need to be reviewed by our legal representation to make sure it's correct. He expects to have that done by end of following week. Rubin stated that she will give Chief the contact information for that legal follow up. Chief also stated that neither ODF nor MCFR have issues with the MFD annexation. Wildfire Town Hall scheduled for 3/30/24 at the Grange.

Chief reported that while accompanying an architect to discuss upgrade of Station 12, he discovered an individual who'd been squatting at Station 12. Law enforcement was called and the individual removed, charges were brought.

Regarding the upgrade, Chief received some information from the architect that could provide some funding for seismic retrofit of Station 12, which may cover the entire upgrade. He stated that he needs to review/complete the grant information and will report back at next meeting.

Reeves asked about the structure sitting in front of Station 12. Chief reported that it's a 40-foot Conex box donated to MFD by Hood River EM. Chief Carlson intends to use it for potential City space and MFD storage space.

8. Correspondence - None

Comments from the public - none.

Meeting adjourned at 1916.