

Mosier Fire District

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Attendance:

Board Members: Carol Goter, Kris McNall, Rob Miller, Todd Reeves, Joanne Rubin

Staff: Chief Michael Carlson

Volunteer: Charles Young, Mike Langdon

Public: Craig Funk, Katy (no last name given)

Call to order at 1902

Agenda additions or corrections: McNall: Confirm budget date - May 12, 2025, 6:00 pm

Comments from the public: Charles Young spoke on behalf of himself. Appreciates the MCFR proposal, but spoke of concern over not have someone staff the Mosier Fire office during the day; believes that especially during business hours when it may be harder to get volunteer response, it would be important; a single responder can do quite a bit during the incipient stage of the fire, as well as respond to medical calls.

Reeves read letter from Craig Funk. While he expresses no preference at this time, he cautioned the board to take the time and due diligence to education the district and research feasibility and impacts of an agreement with MCFR. He has seen similar agreements entered in the past. He expressed concern that the identify of the department and volunteers could be lost during a merger. He raised other questions regarding training, impact on ISO ratings, tax impact, presence of an exit strategy and how that would work if MFD apparatus has been liquidated.

Business

1. MCFR Update: Discussion of proposal; no motions.
2. JUF Update: Discussion of where HB 3870 is now; recent contact from Business Oregon asking about the status of the project; no motions
3. Q-Life Letter: Discussion of Q-Life's offerings and asks of MFD; postponement of further discussion; no motions
4. Wildland Staffing and start date; Discussion of staffing office four days a week and bringing on a fourth seasonal firefighter; no motions

Comments from the public: Craig Funk suggested that if MFD hires a chief, it's "business as usual" as far as the public goes; if we go the other direction toward an enhanced agreement with MCFR, public input is very valuable. Suggested that hiring a chief gives MFD the opportunity to go slow with MCFR and allows time to discover potential obstacles/issues. Encouraged taking the time to get very detailed information from MCFR regarding the training they would provide and how apparatus would be dealt with.

Executive Session entered at 2100

Executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a) "To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent."

Reconvene Regular Session at 2130

Continue with interview process on chief candidates. McNall made a **motion** authorizing Chief Carlson to bring Connor McKibben on as a seasonal wildland firefighter early; seconded by Miller; unanimously approved.

Adjournment at 2133

The next regular board meeting will be in person and by Zoom on May 8, 2025.

Agenda for April 15, 2025

Call to order

Comments from the public

Business

Executive Session

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Reconvene Regular Session

Comments from the public

Adjournment

The next board meeting will be Zoom only on April 23, 2025.