

Mosier Fire District Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, August 14, 2025

Attendance:

Board Members: Steve Fisher, Carol Goter (joined at 1900), Rob Miller, Todd Reeves, Joanne Rubin

Staff: Connor McKibben

Call to order at 1808

Agenda additions or corrections: None

Comments from the public: None

Consent agenda - Motion made by Fisher to approve consent agenda; seconded by Rubin; approved by Fisher, Miller, Reeves, and Rubin.

Business:

1. Board

a. Swearing in of Rob Miller was completed.

b. **Board Representative to September drill:** Not assigned.

2. Volunteer Report: None

3. Mission Statement: Motion made by Fisher to adopt Mission Statement included in the packet; seconded by Rubin; approved by Fisher, Miller Reeves, Rubin.

4. Operations Report: McKibben reported on July calls, trainings, recruitment/retention. apparatus, projects (see operations report in packet). He added that there have been issues with calls that Mosier has been receiving from 911 dispatch and will set up a time to discuss with them. Miller requested update on this at September meeting.

McKibben gave a report on recent training (rig check, medical, and two drills focused on equipment operation and wildland scenarios). He brought up the changes ODOT has made regarding reduced plowing schedules, particularly for I-84.

He is continuing to look at gear racks, has identified an option that will cost \$10K. Discussion of whether this had already been approved. **Motion** made by Rubin to approve the purchase of 4 gear racks at \$1,800 each plus about \$1,500 in shipping; seconded by Reeves; approved by Fisher, Miller, Reeves, and Rubin.

McKibben described his discussions with an architect to replace the building at station 12 (see packet for letter from Aetta Architects and floor plan for the proposed Rufus station). Proposal is that cost would be \$350/sf, or about \$1.5M for a 80x50 1-story station. Discussion of whether there was money to do it. McKibben also talked with another outfit and thinks that even more should be contacted for proposals.

Additional discussion on creation of truck committee.

5. Staffing: McKibben stated that Tommy Oswald had indicated an interest in the position of Volunteer Chief, but would like to make adjustments to the job description. Oswald wants to make sure that his duties with MFD do not conflict with his responsibilities with his job at ODOT. He also questioned the requirement to be a representative for the volunteers since he would hold a paid position, and questioned the board's desire to have a volunteer at every meeting which is not done at other local districts. Oswald also wanted assurance that PERS would be paid by the district; the board agreed that was part of the package. For clarification, there will be a special meeting on 8/27/25 at 6 pm with Oswald present to discuss and resolve his and the Board's concerns.

6. SDAO update for potential MFD/MCFR recommendations: Rubin spoke with George Dunkel who stated that SDAO would be happy to come to Mosier and review the plans and proposals so far regarding an increased partnership with MCFR. She stated it would likely cost a few thousand dollars. **Motion** made by Fisher to ask SDAO to review the potential partnership between Mid Columbia Fire and Rescue and Mosier Fire District; seconded by Rubin, approved by Fisher, Goter, Miller, Reeves, and Rubin.

7. Financials: Goter requested the bills be available in advance for board approval rather than having them approved at the meeting. McKibben stated those bills could be scanned and stated that the bookkeepers scan all the bills as well. Fisher agreed that the bills should be available to review before the meeting. Reeves requested folders for bills by fiscal year and month be set up on the Google drive for the board to be able to review.

Goter reported that the bookkeepers had not provided financial reports in time to be included in the packet. McKibben stated the Balance Sheet was included in the physical packet that he brought to the meeting.

8. JUF Update: Miller reported information from Colleen Coleman describing previous recipients of funding from the Emergency Committee, which did not seem likely to include the JUF in its disbursements. Discussion of the last communication from Mayor Anderson and Reeves to the state requesting funding, noting that photos of the Burdoin Mtn fire were not included. Discussion of alternatives if the current JUF project can't go forward, e.g., City and MFD proceeding independently. Reeves and Miller stated that McKibben is authorized to ask the City of Mosier information on JUF expenses in the last two months and any anticipated expenses.

9. Correspondence: Deferred for Executive Session

Comments from the public: None

Enter Executive Session at 2003

Executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i) "To review and evaluate the employment related performance of the Chief Executive Officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing."

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 2006

Comments from the public: None

Adjournment at 2006