

Mosier Fire District

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Attendance: **Board Members:** Carol Goter, Rob Miller, Todd Reeves, Joanne Rubin
Staff: Connor McKibben, Tommy Oswald

Call to order at 1817

Agenda additions or corrections: Addition of various financial related resolutions.

Comments from the public: None

Consent agenda - Discussion/clarification of bills. **Motion** made by Miller to approve bills and minutes; seconded by Reeves; approved unanimously.

Business:

1. Volunteer Report: None

2. Board: Fisher will go in November, Reeves will go in December.

3. Financials

a. Adoption of supplemental budget: **Motion** made by Reeves to adopt Supplemental Budget Resolution 2025.11-1, as presented at Supplemental Budget hearing; seconded by Rubin; approved unanimously.

b. Check signers: Resolution 2025.11-4 presented to add Steve Fisher as check signer for our First Interstate Bank account and remove Kris McNall as a check signer. **Motion** made by Reeves; seconded by Miller; approved unanimously.

c. Transferring funds: Goter explained that bookkeepers are able to transfer money as needed for bills from the First Interstate savings to checking, but need board approval for transferring LGIP funds. Funds in both of the bank accounts are getting low and revenue from property taxes is not expected for 2-3 months. **Motion** made by Rubin to have bookkeepers transfer \$65K from our LGIP General Fund to our First Interstate checking account; seconded by Fisher; unanimously approved. Goter will let bookkeepers know of approval for LGIP funds transfer.

Motion made by Reeves to adopt Resolution 2025.11-3 to approve a bank credit card for Volunteer Chief Oswald with a limit of \$5K; seconded by Rubin; approved unanimously.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2025.11-2 assigning Rob Miller as our new bank principal (in place of Kris McNall) made by Reeves; seconded by Rubin; approved unanimously.

4. Staffing

a. Volunteer Chief Contract; Deferred until next meeting

b. Admin Firefighter ST/LT Disability Benefit: Goter informed that ST/LT Disability was obtained for employee McKibben at a cost of less than 1% of salary.

5. Operations report: See 11-13-25 Board Packet. Miller asked about current volunteers on a path for EMT certification and asked if it was enough. Oswald explained that there was an EMT class scheduled, but not enough people in the area enrolled. He stated that the instructor is trying to figure out other solutions that would address everyone's time constraints. This could be a potential savings to

the department as it would be much less than the cost for an individual's EMT training through other traditional avenues. McKibben went on to explain that EMTs are specific to ambulance transport, which is not what MFD does; therefore, if MFD volunteers can meet the EMR standard, they can do most of what an EMT does except for administering some drugs.

Oswald added that the next Fire Academy has been canceled and is looking into doing an in-house fire academy. He anticipates cooperative efforts with neighboring departments who may be able to provide some of the props needed for training.

Volunteer Christmas party will be in January. Will discuss in December.

6. SDAO Update: Rubin proposed postponing the SDAO assessment for now due to the stabilization of MFD volunteers and staff, and recommended MCFR be contacted, saying that the interest in furthering the relationship between them and MFD is still there, but not at this time. Other points made:

- Revisit the topic in three months
- Have a Plan B ready
- Reeves will contact MCFR, conveying the board's current thinking.
- Rubin will contact SDAO about the pause on the assessment
- Reeves asked Oswald and McKibben to convey to volunteers that the board is aware of the high level of volunteer engagement and congratulates them on that.

7. JUF: Goter distributed transaction detail reports from pre-2020 to date from the Colleen Coleman/City of Mosier. The Board was able to review expenditures. The Board agreed that what's been spent is history, but the information may be valuable if MFD and the City decide to part ways on the JUF. Reeves commented that most of this money has been spent with little input from or update to the MFD Board. Miller recommended that the MFD Board make a formal declaration to the City that MFD will not share or participate in future expenditures for the JUF.

Miller provided some follow-up on the last JUF meeting and conversations with Mayor Anderson, including:

- Both City and MFD need to know how much money each entity has, what's been spent, and what remains for each entity should we part ways;
- Efforts to get money from the state will continue, even though those prospects are dim
- The Mayor believes that Bonham's replacement, Christine Drazan, should be approached to make sure she is aware of our project.

Other discussion points:

- Miller endorses creation of a task force of two board members and one staff person to focus on money available and recent station construction in the area to come up with a concrete alternative should the JUF not go forward.
- Possibilities and issues with Station 12 continued (no potable water and a steep approach from the road).
- Board agreed that more money is available by working with the City, which wants to continue with the same architect, but MFD does not.
- Do we have local architectural resources who could provide input on another simpler design?
- Of the funding that was obtained, what is still available?
- Can ground be broken before every bit of funding has been locked in?

- Based on informal conversations, there may be more interest from potential bidders in a project like this as there is not as much work available as in the recent past.

Action items:

- McKibben and Oswald: Look at city-owned land behind and to the west of the cherry growers building from Rock Creek to Mosier Creek, surveying for potential feasibility.
- Miller: Talk to Scott Hege about cooperation with land at Station 12 -- trade or lease or sale -- to get a bigger building footprint there since the County doesn't use it and no longer plows the access.
- Reeves: Follow up on Business Oregon loan

8. Correspondence: Board members each received a letter from an advocacy group called New Directions about getting new state representation.

Comments from the public: None

Adjournment at 2018

The next regular board meeting will be virtual and in person at the Senior Center on December 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.