

Mosier Fire District

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Attendance:

Board Members: Steve Fisher, Carol Goter, Todd Reeves, Joanne Rubin

Staff: Connor McKibben, Tom Oswald

Volunteer: Matt Haase

Public: Mayor Witt Anderson

Call to order at 1802

Comments from the public: None

Agenda additions or corrections: JUF will be discussed earlier in the agenda

Consent agenda - Motion made by Goter to approve bills and minutes; Rubin by Goter; approved by Fisher, Goter, Reeves, and Rubin

Business:

1. Volunteer Report: Report given by Matt Haase, president of the Volunteer association. Reported that elections have been completed (Charlie Dorst – Vice President, Mike Langdon – Treasurer, Dave Keyes – Secretary). Will have a representative at every MFD board meeting. Bylaws, mission statement, and objectives have been approved. Next step is filing with the State of Oregon. There are 27 volunteers. The association would like to have a volunteer attend the JUF meetings to communicate back to the volunteers – Will Hanley has been designated for that. Rubin asked for names and email addresses of the volunteers.

2. Board: Representative to drill: Rubin will go 3/23/26; Goter will go 4/27/26

3. Financials: Discussed need to prepare budget for 2026-2027 fiscal year; Chief Oswald will contact Kris McNall for assistance.

Staff is looking into grants for the seasonal firefighters. Chief Oswald mentioned that Wasco County chiefs are working on creation of an immediate needs task force in the event of emergent situations.

4. Operations report: See packet for report.

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Discussion of maintaining enough equipment for our expanded volunteer rolls, providing training and gear for active volunteers.

5. JUF Status/Station 12

a. Board opinion on phased approach to JUF – Does not seem likely at this point (possible loss of USDA funds, sentiments on having to wait for non-fire needs, such as a community room, space for a food pantry, etc).

b. Details on Station 12 size and costs, and Rufus project/budget: Rubin reported on her and McKibben's visit to the Rufus station, currently under construction. They had a copy of the plans (5 bays, 6677 sq ft with 1137 sq ft mezzanine) for a cost of \$2.2M, including infrastructure such as power and water. Financial resources for Rufus included lottery money and income from the wind turbines in their area. There are a couple of change orders which will add some to the cost.

Discussion ensued on what would happen to Station 11 and the office if we built a facility at Station 12 – it would return to the City and not be used by Fire anymore. Another scenarios mentioned was Station 12 becoming a training area if Mosier Fire moved to the Hwy 30 location (JUF). Chief Oswald stated that with three bays at the JUF, deep enough to allow for the doubling up of equipment, it would be large enough that Station 12 would not be needed for equipment storage.

Discussion of how City and MFD would split up JUF funds if we don't continue with a JUF – Mayor Anderson did not think that the \$975K USDA grant would be able to be split between the two facilities; UP money and private donations would be split. Mayor Anderson proposed other ways of both City and MFD getting some monies for two different projects (USDA grant and disposition of Station 11).

Other discussion points:

- Mosier's urban growth boundary
- building in the gravel pit
- trying for a bond
- asking for City help to get water to the Station 12 site
- redesign of JUF at Hwy 30 location
- having the Volunteer Association help with community outreach
- regardless of final location, the City and Fire need to work together going forward

The board noted the following action items:

- Determine how to get water at Station 12 site
- Get actual detailed budget numbers from Rufus
- Cost for a septic system at the Station 12 site

6. Correspondence: None

Comments from the public: None

Adjournment at 1945