

# Mosier Fire District

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, April 8, 2026

**Attendance:**

**Board Members:** Carol Goter, Robb Miller, Todd Reeves, Joanne Rubin

**Staff:** Captain Connor McKibben, Chief Tom Oswald

**Volunteer:** Will Hanley

**Public:** Unidentified

**Call to order at 1801**

**Comments from the public:** None

**Agenda additions or corrections:** None

**Consent agenda - Motion** made by Goter to approve bills and minutes; seconded by Rubin; approved by Miller, Goter, Reeves, and Rubin. Miller had a question about the Fire District Directors Association dues and offered to look into what the benefit of that is.

**Business:**

**1. Volunteer Report:** Report given by Will Hanley. Reported that training and education are moving forward and well attended. Committees are being formed. Volunteers are going to various community activities, improving visibility. Considering a fundraising event for the association.

**2. Board:** Representative to drill: Goter will go 4/27/26; Rubin will go 6/22/26.

**3. Staffing:** New Employee Insurance Rates: Goter reported no change to medical premiums; \$4 monthly increase for dental. Goter will complete the renewal form for McKibben's insurance benefit.

Chief Oswald requested that he be able to hire a volunteer, Matt Haase, to fill in for McKibben when he takes time off until Haase's summer position with ODF begins.

**4. Financials:** Chief Oswald explained the big jump in Fire Supplies expense and explained that that number includes PPE and some things for vehicles. He explained his goal for next year's budget is to split PPE and fire supplies up into two expense lines. The FEMA grant is still tied up with the partial government shutdown.

**5. 2026-2027 Budget:** Per Chief Oswald, we need to clarify budget committee members and their terms, verify they can attend the budget meeting, and appoint a budget officer. He's already been in touch with Kris McNall, who will be assisting with the budget. Discussion of contacting current and former budget committee members, setting the date for the meeting at May 21, 2026, at 6 pm.

**6. Operations report:** Capt. McKibben reported nine calls in March, lots of training for the volunteers. Brush 12 is in the shop. All vehicles will be getting their annual ODOT inspections.

**7. Station 12/JUF:** McKibben reported on another new station being started in Hoodland (near Welches, Mt. Hood, Government Camp). The project is a joint station with the Forest Service, costing \$19M. He spoke with Fire Marshal Scott Klein about the process of going to the public for a bond. Klein offered to come to a board meeting, and suggested a work group for the JUF effort. Chief Oswald was open to the idea of having Klein come to a work group to discuss their experience and offer potential insights.

Rubin advocated nailing down what money for JUF MFD actually has now. Miller recommended getting more information about pursuing funds through a bond. Chief Oswald posed the question of whether a bond could be sought for the fire part of the JUF project. Miller and Rubin agreed to go to the City of Mosier to find out detailed information about funds obligated to MFD. An offer from 6 months ago from the architect from the Rufus project to do a predesign for MFD for \$10K was revisited. Chief Oswald and Capt. McKibben spoke favorably about getting input from Fire Marshal Klein.

Action items:

- McKibben was asked to get a detailed breakdown of projected costs from Rufus.
- MFD staff was asked to get information re cost to get water and sewer over to Station 12.
- Miller and Rubin will get details regarding funds obligated to MFD
- Goter will talk to someone about another Business Oregon loan

**8. Correspondence:** None

**Comments from the public:** None

**Adjournment at 1955**