

Mosier Fire District Special Board Meeting Friday, June 26, 2026

Attendance:

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

Volunteer: Kris McNall

Call to order at 1807

Comments from the public: None

Business: Financing for a new Mosier fire station

At this point, the district has about \$1.5M for a station. Kris McNall spoke with David Ulbricht at SDAO. Based on that discussion, she presented two main options to raise money for a new station:

1) Bonds: a \$2 million bond with interest rates of 5.3281% for 15 years (\$1.02/\$1,000) **OR** 5.8243% for 20 years (\$0.84/\$1,000); both of these scenarios would require about \$100K in origination fees

2) a Business Oregon loan (3.87% for 10 years) with a special levy, costing \$1.15/\$1,000 assessed value, to pay for the levy. She needs to verify this is a legal option. Longer term loans are available, but not with the levy option (levies limited to 10 years), and will be more expensive. Another option is a \$0.99 levy which we would supplement with money from General Fund

The board debated the risks of compression (when there's a loss of revenue – does not apply to bonds) and the need for a pre-design study. They agreed to authorize Todd Reeves to negotiate with the current pre-design consultant.

McNall recommended updating the apparatus report before finalizing the amount of money MFD needs to raise for a station. She gave an overview of equipment likely to be replaced in the next 15 years and suggested that we would need \$1M for that.

The board also discussed the importance of accurate cost estimates and the potential need for a levy consultant – McNall stated that Westside Fire, with more experience in this area, recommended we hire one.

Miller made a **motion** to give Kris a \$2,000 budget for legal consulting for the compression issue and the legality of using the Business Oregon/levy plan. Goter seconded; approved unanimously. Kris is tasked with reporting back to the board by the next meeting in two weeks. Kris plans to start with SDAO attorneys and plans to follow up with a local attorney in Hood River.

Comments from the public: None

Adjournment at 1624

Agenda for July 8, 2026

Call to order

Agenda additions or corrections

Comments from the public

Consent agenda - Today's agenda; Approve Minutes; Bills

Business

- 1. Volunteer Report**
- 2. Board:** Board representative to August drill
- 3. Financials**
- 4. Operations report**
- 5. Station 12 Update**
 - District Proposal to Wasco County
 - Funding Update
- 6. Correspondence**

Comments from the public

Adjournment

The next regular board meeting will be virtual and in person at the Senior Center on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.