

Mosier Fire District

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Attendance:

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

Staff: Chief Tom Oswald

Public: Marit Knapp from Uplift

Call to order at 1802

Comments from the public: None

Agenda additions or corrections: None

Consent agenda – Motion made by Rubin to approve minutes and bills; seconded by Miller ; approved by Goter, Miller Reeves, and Rubin.

Business:

1. Volunteer Report: None

2. Board: Miller will go in August

3. Financials: Goter asked about income classifications re grants. Chief Oswald will address this, along with the insurance breakdowns, with bookkeepers. Goter will follow up with Mike Langdon re late charges.

4. Operations Report: Provided by Chief Oswald. See report [here](#). Additionally, information regarding a new wildland firefighter, Kikyo Hawkins, who is also a volunteer with Westside Fire and going to college in Portland for firefighting. Chief does not think we'll be able to hire anyone else this late in the season.

5. Station 12/JUF:

a. District Proposal to Wasco County: Miller and Captain McKibben are in the process of creating a proposal. Miller would like to have concrete information re financing of the station by the time this proposal is made.

b. Funding Update:

Reeves and Kris McNall had a meeting with David Ulbricht from SDAO, who suggested not going for a bond on the November ballot, to wait until May 2027, because of the November timeline would coincide with citizens' property tax bills, and that could dim the chances of a successful bond issue. Ulbricht also discouraged the idea of a levy, going instead for a bond, but instead of seeking marketplace funding for the bond, using a Business Oregon instead.

Miller asked if a Business Oregon loan could be paid off early (anticipating unknown extra income from HB 3940) and per Kris McNall, it can unless Business Oregon sells the loan to someone else. He also confirmed that Business Oregon would accept an AUP (Agreed Upon Procedures) instead of a full audit.

Other questions raised regarding whether a May ballot has a 50% voter participation requirement and the cost to MFD of putting the bond on a May ballot.

Reeves reported that the City of Mosier did not receive the BRIC grant.

The board decided that a special meeting before the August meeting will be likely.

Action Items:

- Miller will contact the County Clerk to get info regarding cost of putting a bond on the May 2027 ballot and confirm that a 50% electorate participation is not needed for a May ballot.
- Miller and Captain McKibben will finish the proposal to Wasco County Commission to secure the land at Station 12.

6. Correspondence: None

Comments from the public: Marit Knapp from Uplift explained that she is a new member of the Mosier community, owns a design build firm in the area and responded positively to the board's interest in a design-build project. She stated that an owner's rep would help the board look at different proposals and help make comparisons between said proposals. She also said that her husband worked in commercial construction and suggested that he come to a meeting, that he might offer useful advice. She also suggested that there are many builders in the area who might be willing to help in developing requirements for the project for free because they have homes in this community. She provided her company's web address, hexemconstruction.com

Adjournment at 1951