

Mosier Fire District

Special Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Attendance:

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

Call to order at 1001

Comments from the public: None

Business:

1. Options for financing a new Station 12 - Bond Election Considerations:

Miller reported meeting with Wasco Co. Clerk, Chrissy Zaugg, who confirmed that May elections, like November elections, do not require that 50% of the electorate participate for valid issue passage. Further, MFD already is paying for being on the ballot as board member terms will need to be voted on, and the cost is not that much. Having a bond measure on the May 2027 ballot would cost around \$500. Ms. Zaugg also pointed out that she must maintain a neutral stance on such topics, but suggested the possibility of being at a disadvantage asking for financial support in November after residents receive their tax assessments. To get something on the May ballot, our first deadline will be sometime around February. **Motion** made by Miller to work on getting a bond on the May 2027 ballot instead of the November 2026; seconded by Joanne; approved unanimously.

Reeves reported an email exchange with David Ulbricht, he will forward the email to the board. Reeves and Kris McNall still think going with Business Oregon in our pursuit of the bond will be the better and cheaper route. He further stated that we still need to confirm with Wasco County that we can proceed with a land arrangement for a new station at the County yard/Station 12 site.

Miller reminded the board that as members of the board, we are unable to promote a bond for a new station, though we may do so as private citizens. Staff similarly is prohibited from promoting bond passage. The Volunteers may promote the bond in their roles as volunteer firefighters.

Rubin requested discussing at next regular meeting how the board can positively frame the bond.

Miller added that he'd spoken to Mosier Mayor Witt Anderson about bringing water from the City to the site at station 12. Mayor Anderson saw no obstacle except for cost.

Reeves is expecting some references for owner's reps and design build. He added that the board needed to prioritize getting hard numbers on the cost.

Miller requested creation of a budget sub-committee to gather/interpret data.

Board members encouraged to engage with experts in the community for recruitment of an owners rep or project manager.

2. Review draft MFD proposal to Wasco County Commission:

A partial rough draft has been done, but not completed by the time of this meeting.

Action Items:

- Miller will provide a new timeline with deadlines specific to a bond on the May ballot.
- Miller will send a proposal to the board of the presentation to the Wasco County Commission. He requests the board look at it for anything that might be helpful or missing

Comments from the public: None

Adjournment at 1043