Mosier Fire District
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Attendance:

Board Members: Carol Goter, Robb Miller, Todd Reeves, Steve Fisher
Staff: Chief Tom Oswald, Captain Connor McKibben
Volunteer: Will Hanley
Public: Amelia Fiore from Uplift, Greg Sheahan

Call to order at 1800

Agenda additions or corrections: None

Comments from the public: None

Consent agenda – Goter questioned the PSTrax bill; MFD is not using, but have to complete the contract. **Motion** made by Fisher to approve the minutes and bills; seconded by Reeves; approved by Fisher, Goter, Miller, Reeves.

Business:

1. Volunteer Report: Will reported that volunteers have complete rosters in all stations, including Station 13. The volunteer association is deciding how to raise money, what to spend the money on. He also stated that the volunteers would like to see the stations painted if there is money in the budget for that. Reeves said the board did not need to approve, to ask the Chief about it, and that it would come out of a budget item for building and facility maintenance. Chief Oswald has authority to approve unless it exceeds his spending limit.

2. Board: Board representative to September drill will be Steve Fisher. Miller reported on his attendance to the first drill in August, attended by 18 volunteers at the Station 12 location. Reminder given to Chief Oswald to ask volunteers about a volunteer appreciation event.

3. Financials: Nothing to report outside of the July financial reports in the packet.

4. Operations Report: Captain McKibben reported that there are 31 volunteers. Eight volunteers are in structure academy which is paused for the summer. There are 7-8 EMRs and 4 EMTs. All vehicles are in service. New trainings will be coming up in September. They've had two trail head trainings, assisted by a Portland firefighter. Pump checks/drafting was completed by former MFD Chief Mike Renault. The seasonal firefighter has continued at the station with training and catching up on necessary tasks.

5. Staffing: Reviews for Chief Oswald and Captain McKibben: Chief Oswald will do a performance review for Captain McKibben, whose anniversary is November 1. Chief Oswald's anniversary date is September 1. Reeves will ask Joanne Rubin to prepare an employee review document for the board to review Chief Oswald.

6. Station 12:

a. Update on Proposal to Wasco County Commission: Miller presented a document prepared by Captain McKibben and Miller to present to the Wasco County Commission. He will send the document via email to board members for their review. Miller asked the board for input regarding the specifics of the land deal (easement, lease, land grant, land swap, etc.). He wants to send it to the County by 8/14/26.

Displays of an aerial view of Station 12/County Yard and the proposed Station 12 rendering were shown. Captain McKibben reviewed the operational requirements for the new station. Description of the new building includes five bays that are 12'(w)x14'(h). The building itself would be 125'x60'. Security at the site was discussed, as well as the benefits of keeping the existing Station 12 site for possible purposes of water storage due to its elevation.

b. Funding Update: Getting cost information (Owner's rep, design-build, etc.): Reeves spoke about the need to get someone to oversee this project, such as an engineer or owner's rep. Miller reiterated the board's intent to present a bond to the public in the May 2027 election.

McKibben has a quote for the building shell, but is finding a concrete quote to be more difficult to get. Fisher offered to connect Captain McKibben with someone from Crestline to assist, and added that Crestline is a veteran-owned company. Discussion of the building being pre-engineered, and that Dufur has a similar pre-engineered station with five bays and it cost $800,000 in 2020.

Reeves stated that he was approached again by the City of Mosier regarding a Mosier community center and the City's desire that they create a space for Mosier Fire in the center and be able to use Mosier Fire's name. He communicated with the City that the Board had previously agreed to this, contingent upon no more of MFD's funds in the JUF collection be used for it. Further discussion covered possibility of Fire's bond not passing and having to go to the same potential funders for a station that the City, using Fire's name, is approaching for funding, and how that could undermine our own efforts at fundraising. Captain McKibben cautioned against splitting Fire's focus and resources by having equipment or personnel in community center in town as well as at Station 12. Chief Oswald expressed some optimism that having a bay with a vehicle at the City's site would work. The board's consensus was that we still agreed that the City could use Fire's name in their fundraising efforts, but that no JUF funds specifically targeted toward Fire should be used. There would be no guarantees regarding staffing of that space.

Action Items:

Board: Read the proposal to Wasco County and respond to Miller with comments or concerns before Friday.

Fisher: Provide Crestline contact information to Captain McKibben.

McKibben: Contact the Crestline rep, do a site visit, find out what they can do.

Reeves: Provide support/contacts to McKibben regarding concrete for new station. Also, talk to Kris McNall about researching funding resources.

7. Correspondence: None

Comments from the public: Amelia Fiore requested contact information for Board members.

Adjournment at 1940