

ELECTION

MOSIER FIRE DISTRICT POSITION #3

Barbara Ayers

1) Why did you decide to run for a position on the Mosier Fire District board?

I've served on the Mosier Fire Department Board for the past five years during a time of positive improvement and would like to see that momentum continue.

My work in Emergency Services makes me the most experienced candidate to help Mosier Fire. As Hood River County Emergency Manager, I led the Emergency Operations Center during COVID, the Eagle Creek Fire, and during Drought and Winter Storms. I served Sheriff Magill and MFD in both the Mosier Creek Fire and 2016 UPRR derailment. And I have worked for Providence Hood River Hospital and San Diego Fire-Rescue Department.



Barbara Ayers

2) What is your background/profession, and where do you live?

As Emergency Manager/Public Information Officer for Hood River County and San Diego Fire-Rescue Dept., I've spent decades building coalitions, working with government officials, nonprofits and volunteers to make communities safer. I launched GetReadyGorge, and Hood River EOC and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteer programs.

Certifications: National Advanced Emergency Manager; All Hazards Incident Commander; All Hazards Logistics Chief; Advanced Public Information Officer.

Volunteering: United Way; Hood River Rotary; Mainstreet Mosier; OB Town Council; CGW2.

I love Mosier! I've lived here 14 years in a 1907 farmhouse near Mosier Senior Center, including through evacuations. My dogs and I surf in parades.

3) What will your top priorities be if voters select you to serve on the board?

The 2016 Oil Train Derailment was a reminder of how important it is that our fire district and our community work together. In the months following, we decided as the Mosier Fire Department Board to bring in the state experts Special Districts of Oregon Assn. (SDAO) to help us grow and improve. I am proud of how far we have come and would focus on continuing this progress.

As a department, Mosier Fire has made significant improvements to enhance training, teamwork, fire and EMS services and replace outdated equipment and policies. My priority is to continue to support this involvement.

4) What changes do you think the district needs to make?

Our team has worked hard to build a solid foundation for Mosier Fire. We hired a strong and experienced leader with Fire Chief Mike Renault, who expanded mutual aid partnerships, implemented SDAO audit recommendations, rebooted training programs, and replaced aging vehicles and policies.

We now have a better fire and EMS service with over 20 amazing, talented and dedicated volunteers.

We're partnering with the City of Mosier for a future community center. There's nothing we can't do — together. I'm proud of our experienced Board and what we've accomplished. Let's keep, and build, MFD momentum!

Jim Appleton

1) Why did you decide to run for a position on the Mosier Fire District board?

I am running for Position 3, Mosier Fire District, to represent my fellow constituents.

2) What is your background/profession, and where do you live?

I live on Marsh Cutoff Road in the Mosier Fire District. I was fire chief in Mosier from 2009 through 2017. I led the electoral process which created the Mosier Fire District (MFD) in 2010.

The current budget and goals of MFD clearly reflect my priorities.

3) What will your top priorities be if voters select you to serve on the board?

I mean to monitor on your behalf for "letter and spirit" of the law, parliamentary procedures and encouraging a goal of transparency well above legal threshold.

4) What changes do you think the district needs to make?

Mosier Fire District is once again insular. The board, staff, and volunteers are a club. Important policy and operational choices are made out of public view, and without proper time and/or input.

I mean to counter those antidemocratic tendencies from a clear minority.

This does not suggest emergency services are faulty in Mosier. Many improvements have been made since my departure. I applaud and look to encourage them. At the same time, it's essential to question how services have been affected by board choices, sometimes in negative ways.

Peter Lawson

Peter Lawson did not respond to the questionnaire.

According to his election filing, Lawson is a Mosier resident currently working as a Hood River Valley High School teacher. His educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies, a special education degree and a school administration endorsement, all from the University of Oregon.

He wrote, "I have always felt it important to volunteer and give back to my community. For the past 8 years I have been working at Hood River Valley High School developing a program that is based in a re-purposed fire station working with at risk youth helping prepare students with transitioning from school to our community. I continue to strive every day to provide a positive learning environment where students can feel success. After the fires of 2020/21 I feel compelled to help work to better prepare our community for future fire events. I hope to contribute to education and community outreach for fire prevention."

POSITION #2

Todd Reeves

Todd Reeves did not respond to the questionnaire.

According to his election filing, he is a Mosier resident and prior board member, with a degree from Oregon Institute of Technology.

PORT OF THE DALLES – POSITION #4

Jack Hay

1) Why did you decide to run for a position on the Port of The Dalles board?

I have been involved for years within the agricultural industry statewide and some nationally. I have been a board member of Wasco Electric Co-op for 12 years also on several OSU experimentation boards. I decided to try and get more involved in economic development activities locally. I believe that the primary focus of the Port should be property development and jobs. Economic growth in The Dalles is a real challenge with many land use issues that limit growth. On the positive side we also are blessed with many natural resource opportunities that make The Dalles a wonderful place to live and work.

2) What is your background/profession, and where do you live?

I am a retired wheat grower. I downsized the farm to a small vineyard 9 miles east of town. I am in the Dufur School District and attended Petersburg School, The Dalles High, Wahtonka, and U. of O. I am a Navy veteran. I am a Past President of Oregon Wheat Growers, Chair Oregon Wheat Commission, served on U.S. Wheat Board of Directors, National Wheat Growers, etc. I am a Past

President of Agri-Business Council of Oregon. We brought together elements of Oregon Ag. Commodities growers and Oregon business. I served 8 years on the Farm Service Agency Board... 5 farmer members that administered Federal Farm Programs in Oregon. That's all in the past and my only focus would be The Dalles and Port activities.

3) What will your top priorities be if voters select you to serve on the board?

The Port manages the Marina and Airport activities. They also develop and market property. I cannot say what I might be assigned to oversee but I would work to be and active productive member of the Commission. My priority would be living wage jobs for the community. Value added through food processing, manufacturing products, economic diversification. When we had the aluminum smelter which were good living wage jobs, the downside was when we lost the industry we weren't diversified and the economic shock was brutal. We are left with a superfund environmental disaster in the middle

of our port industrial area. We need to be insistent about getting it cleaned up. It's time for Lockheed Martin, the Federal Government, the State of Oregon to get this cleaned up and return the property to useful economic development.

4) What changes do you think the district needs to make?

The Port should focus on marketing and expanding the available property the port manages. A complete regional resource evaluation should be conducted. Leveraging this information with a cogent marketing plan that presents the resources available including a viable active educated workforce in an area that offers a quality living environment. Then begin a marketing outreach program that sells the area, The Dalles and people as a great place to work and raise a family.

Robert Wallace

Robert Wallace did not respond to the questionnaire.

According to his election filing, Wallace is currently employed as executive director/certified energy manager

with Wy'East Resource Conservation and Development. He wrote, "I currently work with agricultural producers and rural small businesses to provide project development assistance for energy and water efficiency projects. I work with innovative technology to improve operations and efficiencies. I have worked for two separate manufacturing operations and one freight company that were all located in the Port of The Dalles.

Wallace is currently serving his first term as a port commissioner, and has past governmental experience on the Dufur School Board and as mayor of Dufur. Currently on the budget committee for the Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District, and past budget committee for Columbia Gorge Education Service District.

He is a graduate of Dufur High School and holds an Associate of Arts degree from Blue Mountain Community College and CEM Certification in energy from the Association of Energy Engineers.

VOTE!

Special District Election May 18

The main ballot mailing was April 28. The last day to register to vote was April 27. Ballots are due Election Day, May 18, 2021.

WY'EAST RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Don Moore

1) Why did you decide to run for a position on the Wy'East Rural Fire Protection District board?

Last July volunteers from the Wy'East Fire District responded to my home to assist me for a medical emergency. My family and I are grateful for their quick response and professionalism in that time of need.

When the opening for the director positions was brought to my attention, I thought this was a good opportunity for community service and support the people who had helped me.

2) What is your background/profession, and where do you live?

I grew up in Hood River and graduated from Hood River High School 1970. Enlisted in the US Coast Guard and served until 1977. Returning to Hood River 1978 I joined the family business, Moore Heating Service until 1990 when we merged with Carson Oil Company of Portland where I remained until my retirement in 2017.

I was an active member of the Hood River Fire Dept. as a Firefighter/EMT and Company Officer over 12 plus years. In 1999 My wife and I moved from Hood River to Odell.

3) What will your top priorities be if voters select you to serve on the board?

My intentions are to work with the other directors to provide Chief Borton and members of the fire district with the backup and resources needed to provide the protection the residents and business deserve.

4) What changes do you think the district needs to make?

I have no preconceived changes in mind.



Don Moore

Robert Graves

Robert Graves did not respond to the questionnaire.

According to his election filing, Graves is a retired firefighter/paramedic, farmer and volunteer with the district. He holds an Associate of Science degree in Emergency Medical Technology from Chemeketa Community College.

Dick Virk

1) Why did you decide to run for a position on the Wy'East Rural Fire Protection District board?

I have really enjoyed working with EMTs and paramedics in the valley and would like to stay involved with the EMS/Fire community.

2) What is your background/profession, and where do you live?

I work as an ER physician at Providence Hood River Memorial since 1990. Hood River County EMS medical director from 1995-2019. I live in the north end of Pine Grove just outside Hood River city limits.

3) What will your top priorities be if voters select you to serve on the board?

My top priority is to make sure there is adequate fire and EMS coverage for the residents of the district. I believe I can work well with Chief Borton and the other members of the board and will also be very open to listening to the people of the district.

4) What changes do you think the district needs to make?

As with all public entities, finding solutions to volunteer and funding shortfalls will be a must.

Craig Mallon

Craig Mallon did not respond to the questionnaire.

According to his election filing, Mallon currently works as quality control manager at Duckwall Fruit Company. He hold a Bachelors degree in Business from Oregon State University and is a member of the East Fork Irrigation District board.

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