

Meridian Rural Fire Protection District

33 E. Broadway, Suite 210 - Meridian, Idaho 83642

Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2024

Call to Order:

The Meridian Rural Fire Protection District monthly meeting for November 12, 2024 was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Commissioner Ward. Roll call was taken.

Roll Call:

Attendees: Commissioner Marv Ward, Commissioner Derrick Shannon, Commissioner Randy Howell, MRFPD Legal Counsel John Fitzgerald, MFD Chief Kris Blume, MFD Deputy Chief Charlie Butterfield, Deputy Chief Prevention Steven Talby.

Approval of Agenda for the November 12, 2024 MRFPD Monthly Meeting:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting agenda. Agenda approved. Commissioner Shannon asked to move New Business and old business point #1 to start the meeting so Chief Blume and Deputy Chief Talby could exit and attend the Meridian City Council meeting. Motion approved.

Approval of the Minutes for the October 14, 2024 MRFPD Annual Budget/Monthly Meeting: Motion made by Commissioner Ward to approve meeting minutes, Commissioner Shannon seconded. Meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report- Provided by Commissioner Howell:

- Approve and pay bills as follows:
 - Check #5543, Ada County Weed Pest Control, \$739.86, Weed Abatement Watertower Lots, Invoice #502231
 - Check #5544, City of Meridian, \$139,882.42, August 2024 A,B,C Budgets, Invoice #3089.

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- Check #5545, Fire Code Consultants Northwest, \$112.57, Fire Plan Review Fee's, MRFD_Oct_2024
- Check \$5546, John O. Fitzgerald, \$1,132.76, General Legal Services, Invoice #2024-11
- Check #5547, Kathleen Roma & Associates, \$111.67, Accounting and Payroll Services, Invoice #76780
- Check #5548, Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District, \$1,158.95, Irrigation Fees for Watertower Lots, Asmts #1045-1,2,3,4,5
 - Total of \$143,138.23 checks paid out this month
- Motion made by Commissioner Howell to accept and pay stated bills. Commissioner Ward seconded. Motion passed.
- LGIP \$7,406,047.09 balance
- US Bank \$33,190.04 balance
- Current net cash position is currently \$7,439,237.13
- US Bank Statement- September 2024 Received and Reconciled.
- LGIP Statement- October 2024 Received and Reconciled.

Old Business:

- Request from City of Meridian for Reimbursement of training cost for FY2023 and FY2024 station 7. Emailed dated 10/31/24 from Todd Lavoy to Chief Blume. No motion or resolution was previously approved by MRFPD. Language was that the MRFPD may offer funds at a later date. No formal approval by MRFPD given. Commissioner Howell, Commissioner Ward, Chief Blume, and John O. Fitzgerald provided insight about previous MRFPD discussion. No formal commitment made however a budget placeholder amount was placed

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in MRFPD budget. No definitive amount or amount committed to. Funds were budgeted given a decision by the MRFPD on what it may or may not do. Commissioner Shannon asked if there is a dire need of funds by the city for the MFD. Chief Blume highlighted the outcome house bill #389 has created a budget short fall. Chief Blume pointed out that the City of Meridian proposes a public safety levy as growth has outpaced revenue. Call times have increased for MFD. Public safety needs new budgets to maintain 4-person staffing levels. City has a surplus of funds but the city cannot or will not use funds for staffing but only for only capital projects. Chief Blume to share Todd Lavoy's budget presentation with the MRFPD. Continued discussion is moved to December monthly meeting. Chief Blume and Deputy Chief Talby departed.

- Approve sale of old MRFPD Water Tender to Boise Fire Department for \$100,000.00. MRFPD is still waiting on the City of Boise to complete the sale. There is a hold up in the grant the City of Boise received for the Water Tender purchase and should be resolved by the December MRFPD meeting. Commissioner will update the commission in December.
- Commissioner Howell will research the options to have the Watertower lots leveled. Commissioner Ward made a motion to level the Watertower lots not to exceed \$3,000. Commissioner Howell seconded. Motion Passed.
- No old business

New Business:

- MFD Department Updates from Deputy Chief Butterfield:
 - Currently ten (10) vacancies in the Meridian Fire Department with planned academy slated for end of February 2025. 159 of 360 applicants completed the entire multi-layer process third-party hiring firm. 59 applicants were moved forward to in-person

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physical assessment. Expected to make ten (10) conditional offers of employment first week of December 2024 to join the academy in February of 2025. Position recruiting to fulfill SAFER Grant position recruitments. Deputy Chief Butterfield reaching out to Senator Risch to attend the academy since he supported the SAFER Grant.

- Commissioner Shannon made a motion to accept and approve the 2025 MRFPD monthly meeting dates. Document of dates presented to all in attendance. Commissioner Howell seconded. Motion passed.
- No New Business.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Shannon to adjourn the November 12, 2024 meeting of the Meridian Rural Fire Protection District. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:33PM MT.