

Meridian Rural Fire Protection District

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

Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2024

Call to Order:

The Meridian Rural Fire Protection District monthly meeting for August 19, 2024 was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner Ward. Roll call was taken.

Roll Call:

Attendees: Commissioner Marv Ward, Commissioner Derrick Shannon, Commissioner Randy Howell, MFD Chief Kris Blume, MFD Deputy Chief Charlie Butterfield. MRFPD Legal Counsel John O. Fitzgerald, Meridian City Council Representative Anne Little-Roberts.

Approval of Agenda for the August 19, 2024 MRFPD Annual Budget Hearing and Monthly Meeting:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting agenda. Agenda approved. Commissioner Ward made motion and Commissioner Shannon seconded. Motion approved.

Approval of the Minutes for the July 8, 2024 MRFPD Monthly Meeting: Motion made by Commissioner Ward to approve meeting minutes, Commissioner Shannon seconded. Meeting minutes approved.

Public Hearing for Meridian Rural Fire Protection District annual budget for fiscal year 2025 October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. Commissioner Ward read Public Hearing Script pursuant to Idaho Code Section 31-1422 as required by Idaho's Fire Protection District Law.

- Commissioner Howell provided an overview of the proposed MRFPD FY2025 budget based on a 7% MRFPD contribution to the overall City of Meridian Fire Department budget pursuant to the joint powers agreement between the Meridian Rural Fire Protection District and the City of Meridian, Idaho.
- \$100,000 line item for vehicle purchase to replace admin truck used by MFD. Reduced to \$57,309.15. Budget was modified to reflect this lesser amount.
- Reduce the amount MRFPD will put into the fund balance in FY2025.

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- Hearing was opened to public comment. No public comment was offered and no constituents signed in for the meeting.
- Commissioner Ward closed the public hearing.
 - Commissioner Shannon made a motion to accept the MRFPD FY2025 budget resolution 24-002 as presented. Commissioner Ward seconded.

Treasurer's Report- Provided by Commissioner Howell:

- Approve and pay bills as follows:
 - Check #5527, Ada County Weed Pest Control, \$181.62 Weed Abatement Water Tower Lots, Invoice #501951
 - Check #5528, Kendall Ford of Meridian, \$57,309.15 Replacement Training Vehicle F150 for Training Division, Invoice #49389
 - Check #5529, Bank-A-Count Corporation, \$89.33 Accounting/ Payroll Laser Check Order
 - Check #5530, City of Meridian, \$141,300.40 June 2024 A,B,C Budgets, Invoice #3064
 - Check #5531, Idaho Press Tribune, \$337.39 Legal Notice publication of annual budget, AD#545444
 - Check #5532, Kathleen Roma and Associates, \$106.67, Accounting and Payroll Services, Invoice #76046
 - Check #5533, John O. Fitzgerald, \$1,941.52 Legal Services, Invoice #2024-08
 - Check #5534, 2 Vets Mowing LLC, \$550.00 Weed Abatement/ Mowing Water Tower Lots, Invoice #0001
 - Total of \$201,816.08 checks paid out this month

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- Commissioner Shannon offered that the new F-150 purchased amount not to exceed \$55,000. Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve to additional increased amount of the final purchase price of new F-150 for the Training Division in the amount of \$57,309.15 that is included in the check #5528 as presented by Commissioner Howell. Commissioner Shannon Seconded. Motion passed.
- Motion made by Commissioner Howell to accept and pay stated bills. Commissioner Shannon seconded. Motion passed.
- LGIP \$7,491,015.88 balance
- US Bank \$70,327.39 balance
- Current net cash position is currently \$7,561,343.24
- US Bank Statement- June and July 2024 statements received and reconciled.
- LGIP Statement- July 2024 Received and Reconciled.
- MRFPD received property tax amount that were deposited into the MRFPD account.
- Contracted new landscaping company (2Vets Mowing) to assist with weed abatement on Water Tower lots.
- New Water Tender updated title to list MRFPD not City of Meridian. City of Meridian is working through that process. Will update next meeting.
- MRFPD is also being set up by Deputy Chief Josh Janssen as an account for future purchases replicating the type of account the city has.

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Old Business:

- Brush Truck Update. Deputy Charlie Butterfield. Estimated two more weeks before completion and delivery of unit from Hughes Fire. City maintenance budget is paying for the additional cost of the drive-in repair since that damage was caused during the use of the vehicle. President of Hughes Fire is aware of the repair delays. Deputy Chief Butterfield is in communication. Current Brush Truck #37 has been busy all season with no loss of service with the brush truck retrofit delays.
- New Water Tender apparatus. In service. Boise City approved grant for the purchase of the old water tender apparatus for \$100,000. Funds should be available to the MRFPD by next monthly meeting.
- With the purchase of the new Training Division F-150, Commissioner Howell brought up disposal options for the retired unit. Both Commissioner and Deputy Chief Butterfield will investigate disposal options.
- No old business

New Business:

- MFD Chief Blume Department Updates:
 - 13 fire academy participants set to graduate current academy Friday, August 30, 2024.
 - New Fire academy slated for mid 2025.
 - City of Meridian Fire Department awarded an AFG grant for Technical Rescue Training and equipment. Item sent to city council for approval. Select group of fire fighters will be selected to participate in the training. Five core skills for training. High risk, low frequency events. Technical Rescue team housed at station #1 where three of the four on duty will be trained.
 - August 20, 2024 City of Meridian set for budget presentation with city council. Focus of department and city council focused on cost

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savings. Continued discussion on funding the SAFER Grant positions after year three of the grant. Continued discussion regarding funding fire fighter positions on the long-term.

- Council Women Little-Roberts offered there is discussion of potential future Levi and possible taking of foregone tax option as it relates to budget discussion.
- Recruitment of candidates to fill the Deputy Chief position to fill Joe Bongiorno who retired.
- Commissioner Shannon asked question about the current academy class losing another candidate. Chief Blume replied that the dismissal was due to performance and attitude where the candidate was not a fit for the Meridian Fire Department.
- MFD is now going to engage a 3rd party recruiting firm that specialize in recruiting of fire fighters/public safety professionals and applicants. This will enhance the recruiting for future candidates for the Meridian Fire Department.
- No New Business.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Shannon to adjourn the August 19, 2024 meeting of the Meridian Rural Fire Protection District. All commissioners answered I. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM MT.