

# Meridian Rural Fire Protection District

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

## Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2025

### **Call to Order:**

The Meridian Rural Fire Protection District monthly meeting for August 18, 2025 was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner Ward. Roll call was taken.

### **Roll Call:**

Attendees: Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Derrick Shannon, Commissioner Randy Howell, MFD Chief Kris Blume, MRFPD Legal Counsel John O. Fitzgerald, Buzz Bauchamp.

### **Approval of Agenda for the August 18, 2025 MRFPD Monthly Meeting:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Shannon to approve. Agenda Motion passed.

### **Approval of the Minutes for the July 14, 2025 MRFPD Monthly Meeting:**

Motion made by Commissioner Howell to approve meeting minutes, Commissioner Shannon seconded. Meeting minutes approved.

### **MRFPD Public Hearing for FY2026 Proposed Budget discussion:**

- Commissioner Ward opened the annual budget hearing per Idaho Code section 31-1422.
- Commissioner Howell provided an overview of the FY26 October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 MRFPD proposed budget.
- Commissioner Howell provided update to budget from what was posted after consult with MRFPD Accountant. Inspection fees in Budget was increased to \$25,000. Budget Budget Insurance line item

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increased to \$4,000. Removed Fire Commission dues of \$1,000 from B budget.

- Pertaining to the revenue line items, increase in property taxes up \$6,000. Sales Tax Redistribution decreased to \$140,000, Inspection Fess increased to \$30,000, and interest income on LGIP increased to \$150,000.

**Action Item:** Adoption of the MRFPD FY26 Budget for October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. Commission Ward Made motion to approve the budget. Commissioner Howell seconded. Budget approved resolution #25-001.

### **Treasurer's Report- Provided by Commissioner Howell:**

- Approve and pay bills as follows:
  - Check #5573, Ada County Weed and Pest Control, \$236.56 Weed Abatement Water Tower Lots, Invoice #502821
  - Check #5574, City of Meridian, \$140,803.51 October 2024 A,B,C Budgets, Invoice #3104
  - Check #5575, City of Meridian, \$158,955.18 April 2025 A,B,C Budgets, Invoice #3149
  - Check #5576, City of Meridian, \$175,896.54 May 2025 A,B,C Budgets, Invoice #3150
  - Check #5577, City of Meridian, \$137,405.40 June 2025 A,B,C Budgets, Invoice #3153
  - Check #5578, Hahn Certified Public Accountants, \$152.50 Accounting and Payroll Services, Invoice #8220
  - Check #5579, Greg's Handyman Services, \$1,200.00 Maintenance of Watertower Lots, Invoice #2023-292. Motion Made by Commission

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Ward to approve Greg's Handyman Service and confirm the family relationship with Commissioner Howell. Commissioner Shannon seconded. Motion passed and approved.

- Check #5580, John O. Fitzgerald, \$1,192.10 General Legal Services, Invoice #2025-07
- Check #5581, State Insurance Fund, \$119.00 Workers Comp Insurance, Statement Invoice #30109526
  - Total of \$615,960.76 checks paid out the month of August 2025
- Motion made by Commissioner Howell to accept and pay stated bills. Commissioner Ward seconded. Motion passed.
- LGIP \$5,606,778.25 balance
- US Bank \$32,426.32 balance
- Current net cash position is currently \$5,639,204.57
- US Bank Statement- No statement received by meeting time.
- LGIP Statement- July 2025 statement received and reconciled.

### **Old Business:**

- No MRFPD and City of Meridian Liaison meeting conducted in August.
- WaterTower Lots weed abatement discussed as part of bill approval. No further discussion needed.
- Commissioner Shannon discussed candidate filing for sub-district #1 (Shannon) and sub-district #3 (Ward). Both commissioners have the required paperwork and Commissioner Shannon will complete the required paperwork submittal per election rules once each candidate gathers the required signatures and fills out required forms.
- No old business

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### **New Business:**

- Meridian Fire Department Update. Chief Blume.
- Chief Blume discussed four (4) upcoming staff retirements. Recruiting to backfill positions is ongoing but the interim, the MFD will reassign current staff to cover duties as needed.
- August 28, 2025 at 11am there is a station #1 BBQ with the Mayor Simison. MRFPD Commissioners invited.
- Deputy Chief Butterfield runs Darkhorse Software report monthly to understand service times, call flow, and nature of calls.
- MFD Fall Reduction Program has seen a 25% reduction in calls mainly due to community education of residents and care facilities. In the past two months there has been a an 18% reduction. There are over 40 care facilities in Meridian this reduction in the number of incidents is significant.
- No New Business.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Shannon to adjourn the August 18, 2025 monthly and annual budget meeting of the Meridian Rural Fire Protection District. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM MT.