

Meridian Rural Fire Protection District

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

Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2025

Call to Order:

The Meridian Rural Fire Protection District monthly meeting for November 10, 2025 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 O. Fitzgerald, MFD Chief Kris Blume.

Approval of Agenda for the November 10, 2025 MRFPD Monthly Meeting:

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

Approval of the Minutes for the October 13, 2025 MRFPD Monthly Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report- Prepared and presented by Commissioner Randy Howell:

- Approve and pay bills as follows:
 - Check #5592, City of Meridian, \$143,981.44 September 2025 A,B,C Budgets, Invoice #3174
 - Check #5593, Fire Code Consultants Northwest, \$130.96 Plan Review Fees, Invoice #MRFD_OCT_2025
 - Check #5594, Hahn Certified Public Accountants, \$300.00, Accounting and Payroll Services, Invoice #8644

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- Check #5595, Tall Man Tractor Service, \$1,175.42, WaterTower Lot Maintenance, Invoice #2025-54 & 55
- Check #5596, Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District, \$1,426.36 WaterTower Lots (4) Irrigation Fees, Invoice #1045-12, 3,4,5
 - Total of \$147,014.18 checks paid out the month of November 2025
- Motion made by Commissioner Howell to accept and pay stated bills. Commissioner Shannon seconded. Motion passed.
- LGIP \$5,328,026.33 balance
- US Bank \$42,107.84 balance
- Current net cash position is currently \$5,370,134.17
- US Bank Statement- September 2025 received and reconciled.
- LGIP Statement- September and October 2025 received and reconciled.
- Commissioner Howell secured services from Tall Man Tractor Service for ongoing maintenance of the WaterTower Lots to remove weeds, and bald surface when necessary.
- Commissioner Howell notified commission that the check for the Water Tender sale to City of Boise finally arrived and was deposited in the MRFPD bank account. Duplicate titles were also received. Commissioner Howell to follow up with DMV.
- Commissioner Howell received documents form Transparency Idaho Registry. Completed and submitted forms per requirement.

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Old Business:

- Water Tower Lots- Topic was discussed as part of invoice and payment approval for Tall Man Tractor Service
- Commissioner Shannon present the proposed 2026 meeting dates. Commission discussed and approved with one change. Commissioner Howell suggested that the annual budget meeting to be held August 17, 2026 be moved to 4pm from 6pm. Legal counsel John O. Fitzgerald provided insight that there is nothing in the committee rules to prevent the time change. Commission agreed and adopted the change. Commissioner Shannon made a motion to accept the meeting dates and adjust the time for 8/17/26 from 6pm to 4pm. Commissioner Ward seconded. Motion passed.
- John O. Fitzgerald asked Chief Blume if he has had any communication from the City pertaining to the Joint Powers Agreement ongoing discussion. Chief Blume indicated that there has been no communication as of 11/10/25. Chief Blume did offer that previously City Attorney Bill Nary was planning on working with a council member to look at the JPA and make pending adjustments. John O. Fitzgerald will follow up with City Attorney Bill Nary.
- No old business

New Business:

- Opioid Settlement. Commissioner Ward completed signed paperwork provided by MRFPD Legal Counsel John O. Fitzgerald on 9/26/25 in alignment with other state agencies. Commissioner Ward made a motion to accept the settlement paperwork. Commissioner Shannon seconded. Motion passed. Commissioner Ward submitted the Opioid paperwork as required.
- Meridian Fire Department Update. Chief Blume:
 - Meridian City Levy did pass allowing the MFD to continue appropriate staffing of all 18 SAFER Grant positions and deliver on

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service level expectations. Commissioner Shannon asked if funds will provide for future staffing of stated positions. Funds will begin to be used in FY 2027 according to Chief Blume but future city council member may change or modify.

- There are currently three (3) vacancies in the chief officer ranks and all three positions are slated to be filled internally. Captain Tim Kelly has been promoted to Divisional Chief of Training. Final two (EMS Chief and Logistics Chief) vacancies should be filled and reported on by the next MRFPD monthly in December.
- Next Fire Academy slated for March to June timeframe. Currently five (5) vacancies to fill. Recruitment will begin in January.
- Chief Blume will be delivering the vision of the MFD 12/4/25.
- Two (2) new engines should be arriving soon as part of the MFD fleet upgrade.
- Station #1 remodel slated for 2026. MFD asked for \$2.2M for remodel but the current estimate is coming at \$3.2M so the department may opt to remodel a different station that does not require the extensive remodel that station current needs. Process and determination of remodel is still underway.
- The Meridian Fire Department will begin an office remodel in January 2026 which will create five new closed door offices in the existing space. The current MFD conference will also be expanded to accommodate all departmental staff when needed. During the construction, MFD administrative team members will move into temporary space in the Department of Public Works offices located on the second floor of Meridian City Hall. During the remodel period, the MRFPD monthly meetings will be held in the Department of Public Works second floor conference room.
- MFD Conference room will not be part of the remodel due to cost.
- John O. Fitzgerald provided update to the ongoing Opioid Settlement. Mr. Fitzgerald asked the item be on the agenda for the

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11/12/25 meeting. Mr. Fitzgerald inquired as to way the MRFPD needed to participate on the statewide settlement even though the MRFPD will not directly receive funds or benefit. That rationale proved by the Idaho Attorney Generals Office is that if there is 100% participation by all agencies and sub-divisions within the state, then the State of Idaho is entitled to the full settlement amount allowed to the State of Idaho. If the participation is less than 100% then the State of Idaho would receive a reduce settlement amount. Therefore, participation from the MRFPD is crucial in support of the settlement initiative. Settlement funds will be distributed as follows: 40% to State of Idaho, 40% Cities and Counties in Idaho, and 20% to public health districts. MRFPD Legal Counsel John O. Fitzgerald directed Commissioner Randy Howell to sign off on the required paperwork due to the time requirements for the settlement. Commissioner Shannon asked if the new round of documents were related or an extension of the previous documents signed and approved. Both John O. Fitzgerald and Commissioner Randy Howell confirmed the documents are part of the ongoing settlement process. Commissioner Ward made a motion ratify the DocuSign documents Commissioner Howell signed under the direction from MRFPD Legal Counsel John O. Fitzgerald. Commissioner Howell Second. All Commissioner confirmed yes. Motion to ratify Opioid settlement documents passed.

- No New Business.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Shannon to adjourn the November 10, 2025 monthly and annual budget meeting of the Meridian Rural Fire Protection District. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:32PM MT.