

Meridian Rural Fire Protection District

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

Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2023

Call to Order:

The Meridian Rural Fire Protection District meeting for June 12, 2023, was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Commissioner Sward. Roll call was taken.

Roll Call:

Attendees: Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Randy Howell, MFD Chief Kris Blume, MFD Chief Justin Winkler, John O Fitzgerald.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2023 monthly meeting. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Provided by Commissioner Howell:

- Approve and pay bills as follows:
 - Check #5476, City of Meridian, \$123,912.05 March 2023 A,B,C Budgets, Invoice #2971
 - Check #5477, City of Meridian, \$118,267.05 April 2023 A,B,C Budgets, Invoice #2972
 - Total of \$242,179.10 paid for the month
 - Motion made by Commissioner Howell to accept and pay stated bills. Motion passed.
 - LGIP \$5,548.062.41
 - US Bank \$21,627.60

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- Current net cash position is currently \$5,569,690.01
- US Bank Statement received and reconciled April 2023
- LGIP Statement received and reconciled May 2023
- Commission Howell processed 2023 census document
- Increase in insurance rates coming for MRFPD policy.
- Commissioner Howell completed profit/loss statement comparing 2022 and 2023. MRFPD income down 6.7% year over year. Expenses having increased 22% year over year. Deeper dive review of income versus expense for June 2023 meeting.

Old Business:

- Station 7 and 8 construction update. On time and on budget per Chief Blume. Station #7 online first with station #8 3-4 weeks behind. Staff and apparatus ready and in place. Lake Hazel still closed for entry.
- Review of email from Charlie Butterfield. Ongoing budget discussion for staffing recap. Request is for FY2023 amount and portion for FY 2024. All positions fully funded by the city at present. City of Meridian looking to confirm portion that the MRFPD will fund.
- John O Fitzgerald- Posting of the agenda and notice for monthly meeting at city hall and the Meridian Fire Department website for the entire year. Ensure Meridian Fire admin staff are copied on MRFPD agenda and meeting minute emails.
- No other old business discussed

New Business:

- Update on weed control for Watertower properties. Commissioner Howell has lead on this item and has been in contact with Ada County Weed Control.

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- Chief Justin Winkler- Update on MRFPD new water tender. 2 weeks behind schedule at present. Chassis construction to begin 8/20/23 with a completion date of 11/6/23. Should be received by City of Meridian by late December 2023.
- Chief Justin Winkler- Initial discussion of brush truck operation. Ownership split between MRFPD and city of Meridian. Newest unit is 2012 Ford 550. Homebuilt unit. Recommends not replacing. Low miles but high maintenance cost. Ford 350 2008 unit should be replaced. Chief Winkler provided handouts of recommended replacement custom units from Skeeter. Chief Winkler provided options for MRFPD to consider. Estimate replacement cost is \$325,000.00. Also provided recommendations to refurbish existing chassis for approximately \$75,000.00. Chief Winkler suggested MRFPD could purchase two new trucks for \$650,000.00 or purchase one new truck and refurbish a current truck. Current lead times for new truck are two years out for production. Also provided less expensive option through BME. Skeeter is the much preferred option over BME from a durability and functionality perspective. These current vehicles will be moved to stations 7 and 8 once opened.
- No other New Business.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded (Commissioner Howell) to adjourn the June 12, 2023, meeting of the Meridian Rural Fire Protection District. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 PM MT.