

Meridian Rural Fire Protection District

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

Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2025

Call to Order:

The Meridian Rural Fire Protection District monthly meeting for June, 2025 was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Commissioner Shannon. Roll call was taken.

Roll Call:

Attendees: Commissioner Derrick Shannon, Commissioner Randy Howell, MFD Chief Kris Blume, MRFPD Legal Counsel John O. Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief Taulbee. Commissioner Ward not in attendance.

Approval of Agenda for the June 9, 2025 MRFPD Monthly Meeting:

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

Approval of the Minutes for the May 12, 2025 MRFPD Monthly Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report- Provided by Commissioner Howell:

- Approve and pay bills as follows:
 - Check #5568, City of Meridian, \$195,357.07 March 2025 A,B,C Budgets, Invoice #3130
 - Check #5569, Fire Code Consultants Northwest, \$2,053.34 Fire Plan Review Fees, Invoice #MRFPD_May_2025
 - Check #5570, John O. Fitzgerald, \$929.60 General Legal Services, Invoice #2024-06
 - Total of \$198,340.01 checks paid out this month

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- Motion made by Commissioner Howell to accept and pay stated bills. Commissioner Shannon seconded. Motion passed.
- LGIP \$5,640,137.32 balance
- US Bank \$17,573.04 balance
- Current net cash position is currently \$5,657,710.36
- US Bank Statement- April 2025 statement received and reconciled.
- LGIP Statement- May 2025 statement received and reconciled.
- Water Tower Lots Weed Abatement- Sterilized last fall but tumble weeds developed. Department of Corrections has work release program where they may be able to assist with clearing weeds. Ada County Weed Abatement is going to spray again with sterilant.
- Annual Audit draft completed and will be delivered to Commission during the July monthly meeting.
- Preparing Draft FY2026 MRFPD Budget

Old Business:

- MRFPD meeting with City of Meridian meeting June 9, 2025. Commissioner Howell and MRFPD Legal Counsel John O. Fitzgerald met with Chief Blume and City Legal Bill Nary. The Mayor was not in attendance. Positive discussion. Focus is on personnel with MRFPD monthly contribution per the Mayor. Will new performance standards be in place with the JPA. Chief Blume referenced the standard of cover used by the Meridian Fire Department. Commission to review the document. Future discussion to provide clarity on the A,B,C budget line items, thus to future discussion around personnel and not capital expenses. Does it make sense that the rural's

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contribution to focus on personnel only and not capital so there is clarity on the use of contribution funds.

- Commissioner Shannon asked if there is an official framework to adjust future budgets. Legal Counsel Fitzgerald stated that there would need to be a change to the JPA to define the agreement and which budget is allocated. The overall serviceably the Meridian Fire Department would not change in any way.
- Randy Howell will bring a draft budget for the MRFPD to the July Meeting to discuss. Chief Blume stated the department is scheduled to meet on their city budget. Legal Counsel Fitzgerald stated that if the city and the MRFPD could agree to alter the current budget allocation. Commission will discuss as part of the annual budget process.
- MRFPD Fee Plan process- Deputy Chief Taulbee. No new information at this time. The process remains the same presently until future discussion regarding the JPA. The city will provide an update and guidance as to when to place the item on the agenda.
- No old business

New Business:

- Meridian Dairy Days board asked is the MRFPD Watertower Lots could be used for overflow parking. Commissioner Shannon offered that the MRFPD should not approve due to potential liability. Legal Counsel Fitzgerald stated MRFPD should be listed as additionally insured. Captain Mike Gould board member provided clarity on who would be parking on the lot. Staging area for parade participants. Dairy Board has insurance coverage. Legal Counsel Fitzgerald stated that if approved by MRFPD commission the MRFPD would need to be named as additionally insured. Mike Gould will research and get back to the MRFPD. A special meeting may be requested.
- Meridian Fire Department Update. Chief Blume.

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- MFD Recruit Academy is graduating all ten (10) who started the academy. Graduating is June 27, 2025. No attrition. West Ada School District White Cloud room. All recruits are locals with diverse backgrounds.
- State of the City address by the Mayor. The city will post a public safety levy informational content educating the public on the need for the requested levy. Must be unanimously approved by city council to place on the November ballot. The levy is to solely maintain the current level of service.
- City council asked the the MFD to deliver to the Mayor and City Council four potential service models. Deputy Chief Butterfield using Darkhorse Analytics tool delivered the four models.
 - #1- Construction and staffing of station 9 on Riverview and Eagle Road.
 - #2- Multi-company station out of station 31
 - #3- Maintain four (4) person staffing and make no changes to current deployment model.
 - #4- This model was perceived by city council as the preferred alternative. The creation of two (2) (ARV) Alternative Response Vehicles that run low acuity medical calls. Units placed (1) south of 84 and (1) north of 84.
- No decisions made simply alternatives if a levy not approved to maintain current staffing model. Future capital needs include a \$2M ladder truck and wear and tear on current fleet. 25% of call volume are these low acuity calls where full fire fighting equipment is not needed in which to respond. Use of this ARV model is gaining traction around the valley and across the country. The truck is F350 pickup outfitted for equipment, turnouts, and small tank and pump. Additional discussion by City Council, Mayor and MFD forthcoming.

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- City Council approved one-time purchase of the new ladder truck that will be in service in October 2025 to replace old unit. Stock Quint Vehicle purchased as it was readily available.
- No New Business.

Motion was made by Commissioner Shannon and seconded by Commissioner Howell to adjourn the June 9, 2025 meeting of the Meridian Rural Fire Protection District. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:41PM MT.