

Meridian Rural Fire Protection District

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

Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2025

Call to Order:

The Meridian Rural Fire Protection District monthly meeting for September 8, 2025 was called to order at 4:00 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, MFD Deputy Chief Charlie Butterfield.

Approval of Agenda for the September 8, 2025 MRFPD Monthly Meeting:

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

Approval of the Minutes for the August 18, 2025 MRFPD Monthly/ Annual Budget Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report- Provided by Commissioner Howell:

- Approve and pay bills as follows:
 - Check #5582, City of Meridian, \$153,833.38 July 2025 A,B,C Budgets, Invoice #3159
 - Check #5583, Fire Code Consultants Northwest, \$739.78, Plan Review Fees, Invoice #MRFD_Jul_2025
 - Check #5584, Hahn Certified Public Accountants, \$150.00 Accounting and Payroll Services, Invoice #8395

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- Check #5579, ICMRP, \$3,537.00, Liability Insurance, Invoice #08146-2026-1
- Check #5586, Idaho Press Tribune, \$381.21, MRFPD Annual Legal Notice Publication, Invoice AD#662611
- Check #5587, John O. Fitzgerald, \$965.60 General Legal Services, Invoice #2025-09
 - Total of \$159,606.97 checks paid out the month of September 2025
- Motion made by Commissioner Howell to accept and pay stated bills. Commissioner Ward seconded. Motion passed.
- LGIP \$5,456,778.25 balance
- US Bank \$28,495.54 balance
- Current net cash position is currently \$5,485,273.79
- US Bank Statement- May, June, July 2025 received and reconciled.
- LGIP Statement- No statement received by meeting time.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Shannon recapped candidate filling forms for MRFPD. Both Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Shannon will retain board seats as no other candidates filed paperwork for the November election. MRFPD Legal Counsel John O. Fitzgerald will prepare commissioner board paperwork for post November 2025 election.
- MRFPD FY2026 budget updated presented by Commissioner Howell. MRFPD contracted accountant Hahn and Associates made a change to the budget pertaining to L2 line item. No change to the overall budget numbers.

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- MRFPD/city of Meridian Liaison meeting updated. No meeting conducted by meeting time however, MRFPD Legal Counsel John O. Fitzgerald is working with City of Meridian Attorney Bill Nary on updates to the current Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to extend partnership into the future.
- MFD Deputy Chief Butterfield provided updates to the monthly/quarterly operational statistics focusing on response time. Response time is down which is an overall positive. Callouts for non-emergency response continues to be high so there is a renewed focus on education and training of commercial entities like retirement and assisted living facilities.
- No old business

New Business:

- Meridian Fire Department Update. Chief Blume.
 - Ongoing levy discussion with Mayor, city Council and constituents is ongoing. Current there is favorability among constituents to pursue a Public Safety Levy. Information updates provided via the city of Meridian website. There is strong support amongst the firefighter union. Short of a levy approval, the MFD is working through several scenarios pertaining to staffing to ensure safety, response time, and best use of resources.
 - September 18, 2025 at 11am there is a station #1 BBQ with the Mayor Simison. MRFPD Commissioners invited.
 - The MFD team is actively working on the 2027 CFP with focus on vehicle and resource upgrades that are required to meet existing and future growth projections. Growth has been a significant topic for the department as they manage and balance resources to support a growing population and urban sprawl.
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Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Shannon to adjourn the September 8, 2025 monthly and annual budget meeting of the Meridian Rural Fire Protection District. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:32PM MT.