

Meridian Rural Fire Protection District

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

Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2023

Call to Order:

The Meridian Rural Fire Protection District Annual Budget meeting for December 11, 2023, was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Commissioner Ward. Roll call was taken.

Roll Call:

Attendees: Commissioner Marv Ward, Commissioner Randy Howell, Commissioner Derrick Shannon, MFD Chief Kris Blume, MFD Deputy Chief Charlie Butterfield, Deputy Chief Justin Winkler,

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting agenda. Agenda approved. Commissioner Ward made motion and Commissioner Shannon seconded.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2023 monthly meeting minutes. Commissioner Howell updated the check numbers for the October 11, 2023 monthly meeting. Updated check numbers 5499-5503. Commissioner Shannon updated meeting minutes for November 13, 2023 and will provide updated minutes copy at the January 8, 2024 monthly meeting. Commissioner Ward made motion, Commissioner Shannon seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Provided by Commissioner Howell:

- Approve and pay bills as follows:
 - Check #5504 , Kathleen Roma & Associates, \$375.42 Accounting and Payroll Services, Invoice #73070

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- Check #5505 , Fire Code Consultants NW, \$3,990.61, November 2023 Fees, Invoice # MRFD_Nov_2023
- No invoice from the City of Meridian. City will send invoice for January 8, 2024 meeting.
 - Total of \$4,366.03 checks paid out this month
- Motion made by Commissioner Howell to accept and pay stated bills. Commissioner Shannon seconded. Motion passed.
- LGIP \$5,569,585.83 balance
- US Bank \$15,522.00 balance
- Current net cash position is currently \$5,585,107.83
- US Bank Statement November 2023 Received and Reconciled.
- LGIP Statement November 2023 Received and Reconciled.
- Dave Teed CIO for City of Meridian. Commissioner Howell submitted order for new MRFPD laptop with dual monitor set up to replace aging system.

Old Business:

- Updated on refurbishment and delivery of the Brush Truck Apparatus. Update provided by Deputy Chief Winkler who is attending his last MRFPD meeting due to retirement. Deputy Chief Butterfield and Deputy Chief Reese will no take lead on the project. Chief Winkler updated that old parts from the vehicle have a buyer if MRFPD approves sale. Offer amount is \$5,000. Hughes fire will handle the sale and apply to the amount to the refurbishment. Commissioner Ward made motion to accept the \$5,000 purchase offer for used Brush Truck Apparatus parts and apply funds to invoice of Brush Truck Refurbishment. Commissioner Shannon seconded. Motion passed.

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- Deputy Chief Butterfield provided update on new Water Tender Apparatus with a due date of late-January 2024 and in-service date of early February 2024. Chief Blume and Deputy Chief Butterfield will travel to Florida for final inspection in January. Hughes Fire will deliver the unit to Meridian (driving). City of Boise still has interest in purchasing the old water tender apparatus.
- Station #8 Open house went well. State-of-the-art Fire, police, and EMS facility.
- No other old business discussed

New Business:

- MRFPD 2024 monthly meeting dates presented mirroring 2023. Meeting dates approved.
- Chief Blume provided that the MFD monthly operational update.
 - First item: SAFER Grant amended and accepted modified from 24 personnel to 18 personnel during three year timeframe.
 - Opticom System: Pre-empting predictive system. Goal is to reduce response times by 15-20% cloud based and predictive. Software can alter stop lights and allows fire to not have to stop or slow thus lowering active response time. Software will cover the intersections throughout the city of Meridian. Upgrade to Cradlepoint System on fire vehicles.
 - Darkhorse predictive analytic tool/software. City of Meridian approved purchase. MFD awaiting next steps. Next update January 2024. Software product allows for customization to meet specific municipality needs.
 - Meridian Fire leadership is meeting to discuss their ten-year strategic operational plan. Discussion items include updates/upgrades and staffing models for all stations.
 - Accreditation for Meridian Fire Department led by Deputy Chief Butterfield. Accreditation team was on site and gave thorough

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review of entire operation. Recommendation made by accreditation panel for final approval at in-person panel interview February 2024.

Would be first in the state of Idaho for a Fire Department.

- No New Business.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Howell to adjourn the December 11, 2023 meeting of the Meridian Rural Fire Protection District. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 PM MT.