

# Meridian Rural Fire Protection District

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

## Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2020

### Call to Order:

The Meridian Rural Fire Protection District meeting for March 9, 2020, was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Commissioner Shannon. Roll call was taken.

Attendees: Commissioner Derrick Shannon, Commissioner Randy Howell, Councilman Brad Hoaglund, & Attorney John Fitzgerald. Fire Chief Mark Niemeyer and Deputy Chief Charlie Butterfield joined the meeting by telephone at 4:04 as allowed by Idaho Code 74-203(5).

### Approval of the Agenda:

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

### Approval of the minutes:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2020, MRFPD meeting. Motion approved.

*(Chief Niemeyer and Deputy Chief Butterfield joined the meeting by telephone)*

### Treasurer's Report:

- Approve and pay bills as follows:
  - ✓ Check #5327, John O. Fitzgerald, \$866.24, General Legal Services, February 2020 Invoice
  - ✓ Check #5328, City of Meridian, \$95,165.86, January 2020 A, B & C Budgets, Invoice #2682
  - ✓ Check #5329, Zwygart John & Associates, \$5,150.00, FY2019 Annual Financial Audit, Inv#184

A motion was made and seconded to approve and pay checks numbered 5327 through 5329 as presented. Motion approved.

- Net cash position is currently \$4,063,770.05.
- The January 2020 US Bank Statement and the February 2020 LGIP statement were presented for review and approval. Final Report of Market Value was received from Ada County. Notice to the County of the District's budget hearing date has been sent.

### Old Business:

1. Update on Lake Hazel Property, Chief Niemeyer. The abandoned equipment and vehicles are still on the property. Attorney Fitzgerald is working on finding out who is managing the estate of the previous owner. Some members of our Training Division did visit the property. They secured the property and put up no trespassing signs.

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2. Fire sprinkler plan review exemption has been received from the State Fire Marshal. The District can continue to use their 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor for plan reviews as they have been doing.
3. Legislative Update - Chief Niemeyer gave an update on current discussions regarding eight bills currently at the Legislature, including a 4% cap on growth revenue, (property tax, new construction tax and sales tax). Discussion also included a brief summary of possibly taking foregone taxes. Foregone taxes are property taxes that could have been collected in previous years, but were not. The county is allowed to collect up to three percent of property taxes and in some years past, Ada County chose not to collect that full amount. The remainder of taxes not collected are called foregone taxes and can be levied for future use. Final outcome on these legislative issues is still to come.

### **New Business:**

1. Coronavirus Update, Chief Niemeyer. Chief Niemeyer and DC Butterfield attended a very large meeting at Ada County Courthouse with the ACCEM Executive Council and members from the local school districts, and Central District Health among others in the valley. The meeting was to give updates on COVID-19 emergency preparations. There are response and dispatch protocols in place. The first case of the virus is anticipated within a week or so if it is not here already. Any quarantine orders will come from the Director of Central District Health or possibly the Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare.
2. Meridian Fire's Winter Promotional & Awards Ceremony, March 6th @ 4:00, City Council Chambers.
3. Grand Opening of Station 6, March 12th @ 11:00 a.m.
4. Attorney Fitzgerald referenced Idaho Code 74-203(5) which allows meetings to be conducted by telecommunications. A hearing test was conducted to ensure that all parties were able to hear everything discussed at the meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the March 9, 2020, meeting of the Meridian Rural Fire Protection District. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.