

Meridian Rural Fire Protection District

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

Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2015

Attendees:

Commissioner Terry Leighton, Commissioner Clair Bowman, Fire Chief Mark Niemeyer, John Fitzgerald of Worst, Fitzgerald and Stover and Marvin Ward

Commissioner Leighton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

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

Motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes from the October 12, 2015, Rural Fire Protection District meeting. Motion approved.

Approve and pay bills as follows:

- Check #5092 to the City of Meridian in the amount of \$104,266.15 for September 2015, A, B & C Budgets, Invoice #2250
- Check #5093 to Civil Survey Consultants in the amount of \$7,472.00 for partial payment for work done on the District Boundary Survey
- Check #5094 to Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District in the amount of \$118.76 for Station 6 site irrigation taxes

A motion was made and seconded to approve and pay checks numbered 5092 through 5094 as presented. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Net cash position is currently \$2,077,403.35.

The October 2015 US Bank Statement was presented to the Chairman for review and approval.

Old Business:

1. Civil Survey Consultants is continuing their work on the survey for the MRFPD boundary and expects completion within the next two weeks.
2. Update on the West Regional Master Plan: Fire Department data has been submitted to ESCI. They will be here next week for site visits and interviews. ESCI would like to also interview the elected officials which would include the MRFPD Commissioners. A citizen advisory task force is being formed and will meet next week to gain citizen insight and ideas as we move forward.

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3. Update on the vacant seat on the Commission: One letter has been received from one rural district resident, Marvin Ward, expressing his interest in being considered for the vacancy. Motion was made and seconded to invite Marvin Ward to fulfill the vacant Commissioner's seat on the Meridian Rural Fire Protection District board. Motion approved. Attorney Fitzgerald swore in Marvin Ward and presented him with a Certificate of Oath of Office and a Certificate of Appointment.

Attorney Fitzgerald briefed the new Commissioner on requirements and rules for District meetings. He reminded the Commissioners that if two or more commissioners meet, it would constitute a quorum and would fall under the requirements for a meeting and require a posting notice etc. Attorney Fitzgerald also stated that according to Fire District law, Commissioner Ward will need to identify two people that would be able to fill his position if he found he could no longer serve on the board.

Attorney Fitzgerald also noted that officers need to be designated within the board either at today's meeting or the next scheduled MRFPD meeting. A motion made and seconded to appoint Commissioner Leighton as the Chairman, Marvin Ward as the Secretary and Commissioner Bowman would remain as Treasurer. Motion approved.

New Business:

1. Discussion on the sale/disposal of the Meridian Fire Department 1982 Pierce Arrow fire engine (MF002) to the West Ada School District: When this engine was purchased in 1982, the cost was split evenly by the City and the District and so the title for this vehicle is in the City of Meridian and the Rural District's name. Chief Niemeyer requested that the MRFPD sign the title on the engine to complete the sale to the West Ada School District.
2. Discussion on the proceeds from the sale of MF002: Chief Niemeyer requested permission from the Board for the entire proceeds from the sale of MF002, \$12,000.00, (which would include the District's share), be placed in the City's fire truck replacement fund.

Motion was made and seconded that Commissioner Leighton sign the title on behalf of the MRFPD and that the District's share of the proceeds of the \$12,000 be placed in the City of Meridian's fire truck replacement fund. Motion approved.

Motion was made and seconded that the MRFPD join with the City of Meridian in the disposal of the 1982 Pierce Arrow fire engine (MF002) to the West Ada School District. Motion approved.

3. Chief Niemeyer informed the Commission that the cost of new fire engines will be increasing by 6% as of November 30th, 2015. Based on trends and history the increase is usually 3% per year. Currently we have \$535,000 allocated for one engine to be replaced this year in FY16. With the funds that are currently in the fire truck fund plus the \$12,000 from the sale of MF002, we may have the opportunity to purchase 2 engines this year and avoid the 6% increase. We would then plan to not purchase any fire engines in FY17 to allow the fund to

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build. Chief Niemeyer will be presenting this request to purchase an additional engine for FY16 at the City Council meeting on November 17th.

Chief Niemeyer is also researching all other options for fleet replacement including participating in a lease/purchase which many other departments are participating in. Discussion followed on purchasing verses leasing options.

4. The weeds on the Station 6 property site will be addressed in early spring 2016. The tentative schedule for the construction of Station 6, would be to possibly develop plans in FY17, start to build in FY18 and open the station in FY19.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the November 9, 2015, meeting of the Meridian Rural Fire Protection District. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

THIS CERTIFICATE HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT

MARVIN WARD

HAS BEEN APPOINTED, PURSUANT TO
IDAHO CODE § 31-1409, AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE

**MERIDIAN RURAL FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

TO FULFILL THE TERM LEFT VACANT
BY RICHARD GREENE

11-9-14
DATE


SECRETARY

CERTIFICATE OF OATH OF OFFICE

MERIDIAN RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

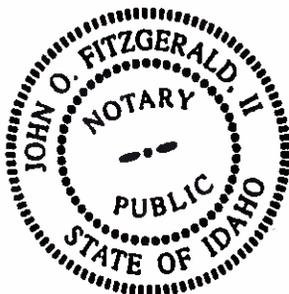
I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Idaho, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Commissioner of the Meridian Rural Fire Protection District, Ada County, Idaho according to the best of my ability.

DATED this 9th day of November, 2015.



Marvin Ward

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 9th day of November, 2015.



Notary Public for Idaho

Resides: Terre, Idaho

Commission Expires: 1/28/21