Madison County Fire District

26 North Center Street * Rexburg, Idaho 83440 * 208-359-3010 Minutes from July 29, 2025 at 9:00 am

Board Members in Attendance/Roll Call:

Commissioner Ken Anderson, Commissioner Wes Donahoo, Commissioner Cole Baldwin (Chair)

Others in attendance were:

Troyce Miskin, Deputy Chief; Corey Child, Chief/Secretary; Amber Steckley

Meeting Called to Order: 9:00 am

- <u>1.</u> <u>Acceptance of CMIT RFP:</u> Commissioner Anderson motioned to approve and accept the RFP provided by CMIT Managed IT Services for the untangling of IT services from the City of Rexburg and the integration of our own system managed by CMIT. Commissioner Donahoo seconded the motion, all aye.
- 2. Benefit Proposals: After receiving several proposals for handling the health benefits of the fire district, staff recommended accepting the proposal of Ascent Benefits out of Idaho Falls. Their attentiveness to the needs of the employees has been remarkable and the coverages they presented exceed our expectations in coverage and pricing. Commissioner Anderson made the motion to accept Ascent Benefits as the benefits provider, Commissioner Donahoo seconded the motion, all aye.
- 3. Additional Bank Account: Cooper Norman suggested a second bank account be obtained to accommodate the operations of the JPA. Chief Child recommended we open another Wells Fargo account for the fire district to better manage the JPA. Commissioner Donahoo motioned to have Chief Child open an additional bank account with Wells Fargo for the operations of the JPA and further granted authority to Chief Child to sign and take care of all paperwork for the new account. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson, all aye.
- <u>4.</u> <u>Burn Ban Considerations:</u> Chief Child shared with the Commissioners that fire weather and fuel indices indicated the need to enter burn ban restrictions for the safety of the community. The Madison County Commissioners have the burn ban restrictions on their agenda for next Monday at which time it is anticipated the County Commissioners will implement the ban.
- 5. Thornton Update: The district has been holding an invoice from Agricultural Services on the Thornton Well in the amount of \$18,822.99 due to the well not being completed. The invoice is for drop pipe and steel cone etc. for the well. Due to the work not being completed and due to the circumstance, Chief Child recommended a seventy five percent payment of the invoice. Commissioner Anderson motioned to pay seventy five percent of the invoice, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Donahoo, all aye.
- 6. Update on October 1st items: The accounting services of Cooper Norman have been secured. We are having weekly meetings with them to work on AR/AP and payroll/HR. We are still waiting for PERSI to recognize the district as the employer; PERSI is waiting for Social Security to approve our JPA so the district can be recognized as the employer.
- 7. Meeting adjourned: Commissioner Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m., Commissioner Donahoo seconded the motion, all aye.

Approval of Minutes:

By:

Cole Baldwin

Wes Donahoo

Ken Anderson