

Madison County Fire District

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Minutes from August 12, 2026 at 1100

Board Members in Attendance/Roll Call:

Commissioner Ken Anderson (conducting), Commissioner Wes Donahoo (absent), Commissioner Cole Baldwin (Chair) (online)

Others in attendance were:

Corey Child, Chief; Troyce Miskin, Deputy Chief; Amber Steckley; Jackson Packham; Joseph Haeberle; Korth Petersen

Meeting Called to Order: 1100

1. **Welcome:** Commissioner Anderson conducted the meeting, called the meeting to order, and welcomed everyone.
2. **Approval of minutes from 7-8-26 meeting – action item:** Commissioner Baldwin motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve the 7-8-26 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, all aye.
3. **Approval of expenditures – action item:** All expenditures, both credit card and invoices, were approved as outlined on the Expense Ratification Form dated 8-12-26 in the amount of \$376,085.52. A motion approving expenses was made by Commissioner Baldwin, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, all aye.

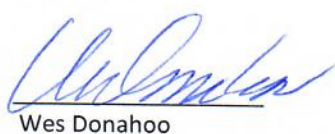
Chief Miskin also noted that as of August 1, 83.3 % of the budget year has passed and we have spent approximately 77.88% of the budget.

4. **Update on the Big Rock and Byrne Side Fires:** The Big Rock Fire, though challenging, was met with success due to mutual aid agreements and great relationships with our federal partners. One civilian death occurred which we are saddened by and offer our condolences to the family. A few communication outbuildings above Cress Creek Trail burned as well as significant damage to power poles in the area. MFD has had resources on the fire every day since the fire began. The MFD Fuels/Suppression Module is also on the fire. The Byrne Side Fire was started by the railroad doing repair work. A worker was using a grinder and started grass and brush on fire. Retardant, a helicopter and mutual aid partners already on the Big Rock Fire came over to assist.
5. **Comp time payout consideration:** Given the amount of comp time accrued during our large fires, Chief Child recommended that Wes Robertson, Robert Kohler, and Stan Crittenden be paid out 40 hours of time and a half or 40 hours of comp time. Each individual put in a considerable amount of time in the management of our large fires. This payout is an exception to the handbook given the extenuating circumstances. Commissioner Baldwin motioned to grant the exception given the extenuating circumstances and pay out the three employees 40 hours of comp time. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson, all aye.
6. **PERSI Exemption update:** Staff is greatly concerned about how many staff are maxed out on the hours they can work due to the PERSI rules. Chief Child, Chief Miskin and Amber Steckley will meet with Representative Jon Weber and see if anything can be done in the immediate to relax the rule during this time of hardship.
7. **Other items as approved by the Board:** None
8. **Meeting adjourned:** Commissioner Baldwin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:33, Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, all aye.

Approval of Minutes:

By:


Cole Baldwin


Wes Donahoo


Ken Anderson