

# *Riverside Fire Authority*

## **Governance Board Meeting June 10, 2026 Minutes**

In attendance:

*Board Members* – Joe Dolezal, Mike Tomasheck, Buddy Lowrey, Mike Rossow  
Absent – Richard Lennox

*Administration* – Chief Anderson, Chief Olson, Chief Ternan, Stephanie Slorey

*Visitors* – Mark Pickrell

Commissioner Dolezal called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the agenda.

*Public Input* – None

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the consent agenda as presented.

*The Following voucher/warrants/electronic payments were approved for payment:*

<i>June 10, 2026,</i>	<i>Ck# 9770-9801</i>	<i>\$32,820.96</i>
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### *Unfinished Business*

#### **Division Chief of EMS**

Chief Anderson updated the Board on the current paramedic testing process. The vacant paramedic position must be filled before any promotions can occur, including those that may ultimately lead to filling the EMS Division Chief position.

Chief Anderson also reported that additional funding for the EMS Division Chief position may become available through House Bill 1, commonly referred to as the "Big Beautiful Bill." The funding would support community paramedicine programs and would be administered through the Health Care Authority.

#### **Fleet Update**

Chief Olson informed the Board that the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application for a new air truck was not awarded. He reported that another AFG grant opportunity is currently open and that, with assistance from Ed Mund, the RFA will submit a new application in an effort to secure funding for a replacement air truck. The application deadline is at the end of next week. Chief Olson also discussed operational needs related to Engine 1 and the timeline for replacement. Discussion followed.

### *New Business*

#### **Cost Recovery Program**

Chief Anderson reviewed the updated draft policy that had been presented to the Board at the previous meeting. Board members discussed revisions to the wording and requested clarification on several sections of the policy. Chief Anderson will incorporate the recommended changes and distribute a revised draft at a future meeting for further review and possible approval.

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**EMS Levy**

Chief Anderson informed the Board that the EMS Levy renewal will be placed on the ballot in 2027, with collections scheduled to begin in 2028. He reviewed the filing and election deadlines associated with the 2027 election cycle. This was presented for informational purposes only. Further discussion regarding the levy timeline will occur once it is determined whether other local entities will also be seeking voter-approved levy funding during the same election cycle.

**Resolution #26-08, Surplus**

Chief Olson reviewed the list of surplus items identified as broken, expired, or no longer in use. He informed the Board that surplus items continue to be listed on GovDeals.com and that the program has been successful in facilitating the disposal and sale of excess equipment. Commissioner Rossow made a motion to approve Resolution #26-08, Surplus and the list of surplus equipment. Commissioner Lowrey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

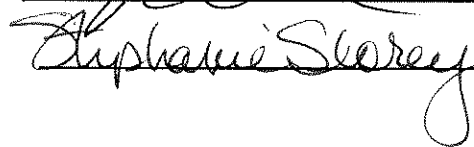
*Commissioner Tomasheck made a motion to move into executive session at 6:25 p.m. for twenty (20) minutes as provided for in RCW 42.30.110(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. After twenty (20) minutes, the executive session ended and Chair Dolezal moved back into the regular session at 6:45 p.m. with no action being taken.*

*Good of the Order*

**Adjourned 6:56 p.m.**

1. *Approval of Resolution #26-08, Surplus*

Minutes submitted by:  \_\_\_\_\_, Chair Dolezal

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