Riverside Fire Authority

Governance Board Meeting
November 10, 2026
Minutes

In attendance:

Board Members – Joe Dolezal, Mike Tomasheck (via phone), Buddy Lowrey, Richard Lennox
Absent – Mike Rossow

Administration – Chief Anderson, Chief Olson, Stephanie Slorey

Visitors – None

Chair Dolezal called the meeting to order at 5:01 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:
Nov. 10, 2026, Ck#10185-10219 $49,827.66

Unfinished Business

2028 EMS Levy Discussion
Chief Anderson noted that other agencies will be on the April 2027 ballot, which will help share the cost of placing our measure on the same ballot. The Public Safety tax will begin public outreach around the end of April and will appear on the August 2027 ballot.

2026 Third Quarter Finance Report
Chief Anderson reviewed the third quarter finance report with the Board and reported that all finances are on target for this time of year.

2027 Budget: General Fund / EMS Expenditures Updates
Chief Anderson reviewed the anticipated 2026 year-end forecast worksheet with the board. He also reviewed updated figures on the proposed 2027 reserve funds (GEMT and Wildland Reserves) along with the 2027 proposed administrative wage scale. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lowrey made a motion to approve the 2027 administrative wage scale. Commissioner Lennox seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Assistant Chief of Operations Recruitment Update
Chief Anderson introduced candidate Joel Swecker to the Board. Mr. Swecker has accepted the conditional offer for the Assistant Chief of Operations position and will begin on November 21, 2026. He will replace Assistant Chief Erik Olson, who retires in February 2027, which allows approximately three months of training under Assistant Chief Olson. Mr. Swecker's professional service contract was reviewed. Commissioner Lowrey made a motion to approve the professional service contract between Riverside Fire Authority and Joel Swecker. Commissioner Lennox seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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New Business
None

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Adjourned 6:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: _____, Chair Dolezal

_____, Board Secretary