

Riverside Fire Authority

Governance Board Meeting December 11, 2024 Minutes

In attendance:

Board Members – Buddy Lowrey, Rick Mack, Joe Dolezal, Mike Rossow, Mike Tomasheck

Administration – Chief Anderson, Stephanie Slorey, Laura Hanson

Visitors – Tony Bledsoe, Terry Ternan, Brian Meyers, Ed Mund

Chair Lowrey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the agenda with the addition of 5b Air Truck Update and 5c HAAS Alert Program (moved to 5a).

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:
December 11, 2024, Ck # 8231-8269 \$19,403.42*

Unfinished Business

HAAS Alert Program

Tony Bledsoe with the Washington State Traffic Commission was in attendance to discuss traffic safety with emergency vehicles who have the HAAS devices installed. He also discussed funding for Riverside Fire Authority partnering with the WSTC. It would include funding that has already been secured for up to 3 years to outfit ten (10) apparatus. Chief Olson discussed an upgrade of the software for \$3,900 a year to include the R2R (Responder to Responder). Discussion followed. Commissioner Tomasheck made a motion¹ to authorize Chief Olson to execute the HAAS agreement with the Washington State Traffic Commission to allocate funding and to also include funding by the RFA to add the R2R software at the same time. Commissioner Rossow seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Firefighter Hiring

Chief Anderson recapped the recent Firefighter / EMT testing. Chief Anderson proposed bringing on 4 FFEMT's to participate in the academy. 2 FFEMT will be hired with the passing of the levy lid lift in August, 1 FFEMT to cover the promotion of Captain Ternan and 1 FFEMT to cover the vacancy of an employee who is currently on temporary disability leave. Chief Anderson stated that it would be financially beneficial to allow all 4 FFEMT's to attend the academy together. If and when the employee who is currently on leave comes back to work, the 4th FFEMT has been informed that he will be placed back on the hiring list. Discussion followed. Commissioner Dolezal made a motion² to authorize the fire chief to hire 4 FFEMT's to begin work on January 21, 2025. Commissioner Mack seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Tomasheck voting against.

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New Business

9-1-1 Interlocal Agreement

Chief Anderson informed the board that the 9-1-1 Interlocal Agreement has not been received by our department for our board's approval. Chief Anderson also discussed the importance of and responsibility for having a representative from the RFA to sit on the 9-1-1 Executive Board. Commissioner Tomasheck volunteered to represent the Riverside Fire Authority in that capacity.

Resolution #2024-10, Commissioner Compensation

Stephanie reminded the board that the commissioner compensation rate is \$161/per day. During the last budget period, the documentation that was sent out to staff from the state was incorrect. Therefore, a new resolution was submitted for approval for the new rate. Commissioner Dolezal made a motion³ to approve Resolution #2024-10, Commissioner Compensation. Commissioner Mack seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Riverside Fire Authority Staff and Years of Service

Commissioner Dolezal has asked for a list of career staff along with their year of service. Staff provided the board with the requested list. Discussion followed.

Board Chair/Vice Chair Election for 2025

Commissioner Dolezal nominated/made a motion⁴ Commissioner Mack to move from Vice Chair to Chair for 2025. Commissioner Lowrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Mack nominated/made a motion⁵ for Commissioner Dolezal for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Rossow seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Tomasheck made a motion⁶ to move into executive session at 6:40 p.m. for thirty (30) minutes as provided for in RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) to discuss collective bargaining and RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. There will not be any decision made at the conclusion of the executive session.

After 30 minutes, staff requested another twenty (20) minutes.

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After another ten (10) minutes, staff requested another five (5) minutes.

The executive session ended and moved back into the regular session at 8:05 p.m.

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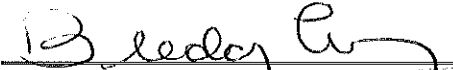
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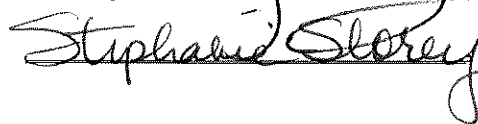
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Adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Local Board Action Motions:

1. Motion to authorize Chief Olson to execute the HAAS agreement with the WST Commission.
2. Motion to authorize the fire chief to hire 4 FFEMT's to begin work on January 21, 2025.
3. Motion to approve Resolution #2024-10, Commissioner Compensation.
4. Motion to nominate Commissioner Mack as Chair for 2025.
5. Motion to nominate Commissioner Dolezal as Vice Chair for 2025.
6. Motion to adjourn into Executive Session.

Minutes submitted by:  , Chair Lowrey

 Board Secretary