

Riverside Fire Authority

Governance Board Meeting November 12, 2025 Minutes

In attendance:

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

Administration – Chief Anderson, Chief Olson, Chief Ternan, Stephanie Storey, Misty Henning

Visitors – Ron Music

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

Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of 6C, Gather Church vs Lewis County and Payroll under consent agenda.

Public Input – None

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Volunteer firefighter Ron Music was recognized for his dedicated volunteer service with the Riverside Fire Authority. Ron will soon be relocating to Oklahoma. The board expressed their appreciation for his contributions and extended their best wishes as he begins this new chapter.

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

The Following voucher/warrants/electronic payments were approved for payment:
November 12, 2025, Ck #9221-9262 \$33,493.83

Unfinished Business

2026 Budget Updates

Chief Anderson and Finance Officer Misty Henning provided a review of the reserve budget changes, the GEMT holding update, the projected 2025 year-end balances, the 2026 beginning balances, and an overview of revenues and expenses. A public hearing will be held at the next board meeting on November 25, along with the final reading of the proposed 2026 budget. The board directed the Finance Officer to draft budget documents reflecting a levy request to support 2026 operating and reserve expenditures.

Fire Marshal Inter-local Agreement with the City of Napavine

Chief Anderson and Chief Ternan reviewed the inter-local agreement, prepared by RFA legal counsel Eric Quinn, for fire marshal services with the City of Napavine. Discussion followed. Commissioner Tomasheck made a motion to authorize the Fire Chief to execute the inter-local agreement, with the stipulation that any major changes be brought before the Board for review and approval. Commissioner Rossow seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

New Business

Board Meeting Date Change

The board agreed that the November 26 meeting be moved to November 25 due to the holidays.

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Resolution #25-07 Surplus Items

Resolution #25-07 and a proposed list of surplus items were submitted to the board for their approval. The items listed no longer have useable life or have been replaced by new items. Commissioner Tomasheck made a motion to approve Resolution #25-07 Surplus Items. Commissioner Rossow seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Gather Church vs Lewis County

Discussion took place regarding the lawsuit filed by the Gather Church against Lewis County. The lawsuit challenges the county ordinance prohibiting the use of a mobile unit for a needle exchange program. The Board stated that its position on this matter is to remain neutral.

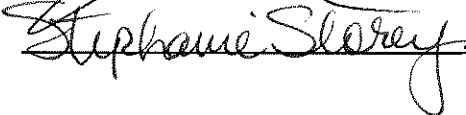
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Adjourned 6:47 p.m.

Local Board Action Motions:

1. *Motion to approve Resolution #25-07 Surplus Items*

Minutes submitted by:  Vice Chair Dolezal

 Board Secretary