

Riverside Fire Authority

Governance Board Meeting August 23, 2023 Minutes

In attendance:

Board Members – Lee Coumbs, Buddy Lowrey, Joe Dolezal, and Rick Mack
Absent – Mike Tomasheck

Administration – Chief Kytta, Chief Anderson, Stephanie Storey and Laura Hanson

Visitors – Diane Kytta, Mark Pickrell, Mike Rossow

Chair Coumbs 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>August 23, 2023,</i>	<i>Use Tax-EFT</i>	<i>\$89.72</i>
<i>August 23, 2023,</i>	<i>Ck #6808-6832</i>	<i>\$64,196.58</i>

Unfinished Business

Levy Discussion

Chief Anderson and Chief Kytta discussed the proposed levy lid lift for 2024. They have been considering putting an article in the RFA newsletter that will be mailed out in October 2023 that would state a levy lid lift is being considered for 2024. Discussion followed.

Leadership Transition Update

Chief Anderson reported to the board on the progress of the chief officer's weekly meetings. Due to a significant amount of time being spent at the SWW Fair during the week of August 14, the regularly scheduled meeting was not held but informal get togethers were held. Commissioner Dolezal made it clear that the board is there to help with the transition if needed. Discussion followed.

Dispatch Update

Chief Kytta gave an update on the upcoming 9-1-1 use tax that will be on the November ballot. Discussion followed. Commissioner Dolezal made a motion¹ to encourage and support Lewis County Fire Commissioner Association donate \$2,500 to the promotion of the 9-1-1 use tax. Commissioner Mack seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Recruitment and Retention Update

Laura Hanson, Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Coordinator, gave an update to the board on projects, programs and training that has taken place for July and August 2023.

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New Business

2023 SWW Fair Update

Chief Anderson gave a report on our participation for the 2023 SWW Fair. Volunteer staffing was for the First Aid station, grandstand monitoring and general overall participation. Discussion followed.

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Adjourned 6:37 p.m.

Local Board Action Motions:

1. Motion to support donation from LC Fire Commissioner Assoc. for promotion of 911 use tax.

Minutes submitted by: *Lee Coumbs*, Chair Coumbs

Stephanie Storey, Board Secretary