

Riverside Fire Authority

**Governance Board Meeting
April 22, 2026
Minutes**

In attendance:

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

Absent – Richard Lennox

Administration – Chief Anderson, Chief Olson, Stephanie Slorey, Misty Henning, Laur Hanson, Lt. Shepherd

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 with the addition of another resolution (26-06) under 6b and the addition of 6c, Chief's 2025 Annual Report.

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

<i>April 22, 2026,</i>	<i>Ck 9620 - 9628</i>	<i>\$ 1,169.93</i>
	<i>Ck 9629 – 9648</i>	<i>\$47,979.41</i>
	<i>Use Tax</i>	<i>\$ 647.89</i>

Unfinished Business

CARES Update

Lt. Shepherd gave an update on the grant submittals and how the program is progressing. He stated that Senior Citizen Fall Prevention is a target for the CARES program. Volunteer Ed Mund, CARES PM Johanna Aguillard and Outreach Coordinator, Laura Hanson, have been collaborating on a fall prevention program.

Chief Anderson discussed the budget need with the help of an updated finance model, to help project scenarios to hire a second CARES paramedic. and how the budget will allow such a hire and what the timeline would look like.

Chief Anderson and Lt. Shepherd also discussed goals and a timeline for a new position of a Division Chief of EMS who would oversee the CARES program along with all paramedics. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Tomasheck made a motion¹ to move forward with the hiring of a second CARES paramedic. Commissioner Rossow seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business

Outreach Coordinator Update

Outreach Coordinator, Laura Hanson, gave a report to the board on the first quarter of 2026 programs for volunteer training, volunteer academies, and community involvement. Some community events that the RFA attended were preschools and family Fun Fest at Centralia College.

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2026 Budget Amendment #1, Resolution #26-05 and Resolution #26-06

Finance Officer, Misty Henning, submitted and reviewed the 2026 Budget Amendment Resolution #26-05. This amendment recognizes the official levy numbers from Lewis County which were received after the beginning of the year. Commissioner Tomasheck made a motion² to adopt 2026 Budget Amendment #1 Resolution #26-05 as submitted. Commissioner Lowrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Misty also submitted Resolution #26-06 which states that the Board of Fire Commissioners previously committed funds totaling \$205,480.00 from fund balances accumulated during fiscal years 2022 through 2025 for the improvement &/or replacement of RFA Radio System Infrastructure anticipated in the year 2030. And that this balance accumulates over subsequent years until the time at which it is needed for its appropriated use unless the commitment is lifted or altered by resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners. This resolution provides a new anticipated project timeline extending to approximately 2034. Commissioner Rossow made a motion³ to adopt Resolution #26-06 as submitted. Commissioner Lowrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Fire Chiefs 2025 Annual Report

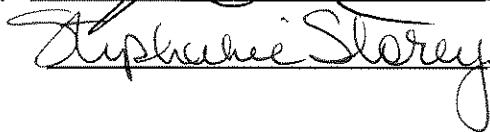
Chief Anderson reviewed the 2025 Annual Report that he prepared. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lowrey made a motion⁴ to approve the 2025 Annual Report prepared by Chief Anderson. Commissioner Rossow seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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Adjourned 6:32 p.m.

1. *Hiring of second CARES paramedic*
2. *Adopt Resolution #26-05*
3. *Adopt Resolution #26-06*
4. *Approve Chiefs 2025 Annual Report*

Minutes submitted by:  Chair Dolezal

 Board Secretary