Riverside Fire Authority

Governance Board Meeting
September 23, 2026
Minutes

In attendance:

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

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

Visitors – Noel Putaansuu, Family and friends of FF Hamilton, O'Camb and FFPM Brotherson

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

Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the agenda with the addition of an Executive Session provided for in 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.

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:

Sept. 23, 2026,	***Ck 10,047-10,074***	***$42,524.46***
Sept. 23, 2026,	***Use Tax***	***$318.42***

Badge Pinning: FF JJ Hamilton, FF Jesse O'Camb, and FFPM Zach Brotherson were formally presented with their firefighter badges. Each firefighter had the honor of being pinned by members of their family.

Unfinished Business

2028 EMS Levy Discussion

Discussion took place on the upcoming 2028 EMS Levy renewal. Staff are recommending the measure be placed on the February 2027 ballot for collection in 2028. In order to be placed on the February 2027 ballot, the resolution must be submitted to Lewis County no later than December 11, 2026. Staff will move forward to meet the December 11, 2026, deadline.

Division Chief EMS Contract

Chief Anderson submitted a revised professional service agreement that was requested by the board. Discussion took place on the revisions with a start date of October 21, 2026. Commissioner Rossow made a motion to approve the professional service agreement with Jason Shepherd as the Division Chief of EMS. Commissioner Lowrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

2027 Budget Update – GF and EMS Expenditures, 1st Reading

Finance Officer, Misty Henning, reviewed the preliminary expenditures for the 2027 GF and EMS funds with the board. She will be submitting preliminary 2027 Reserve Fund expenditures at the next meeting.

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New Business

Centralia-Chehalis Coop Interlocal Agreement Annual Renewal
The annual review of the Centralia-Chehalis Coop was submitted to the board for their review and approval. Discussion followed. Commissioner Tomasheck made a motion to approve the contract renewal as presented. Commissioner Rossow seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Wildland Fire Update
Lt. Spencer Schwiesow reported to the board on the three (3) fires (Little Giant, B&O and Sage Creek Fires) that Riverside Fire Authority firefighters were mobilized to help. He detailed how these specific mobilizations helped stabilize the regional response efforts during the peak of the fire season.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
As provided for in RCW 22.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. Commissioner Tomasheck made a motion to move into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. for ten (10) minutes. Regular meeting was called back to order at 6:43 p.m. with no action taken.

Good of the Order

Adjourned 6:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: _____, Chair Dolezal
Stephanie Storey, Board Secretary