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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monday, December 22, 2025, General Session of the RVFD Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Sewell at 9:02 a.m. in the RVFD Fire Station #442 Community Room, located at 17619 E. Rio Verde Dr., Rio Verde, AZ 85263.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jeanne Finney, Nancy Sewell, Pete Sturman, and Harold Tabor

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Dave LeMoine

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Scott Krushak, Deputy Chief Kelvin Bartee (via telephone), Fire Marshal Chris Cavanaugh, Administrative Manager Jennifer Jacobe and Administrative Assistant Tatum Heinrich, Rio Verde Fire District

II. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

All commissioners were present except for Commissioner LeMoine.

III. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

The District's Certificate of Posting was presented, certifying that the meeting's agenda had been posted at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. This certificate was posted at the fire station, Rio Verde Post Office, Rio Verde Community Center, the Tonto Verde Community Center, and on the Verde River website.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response to the Call to the Public.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 24, 2025 – General Session

Chairperson Sewell moved that the Board approve the November 24, 2025, General Session minutes as submitted. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Finney and passed unanimously.

October 27, 2025 – General Session

Chief Krushak indicated that he had located an undetected error in the October Board minutes. These minutes will be placed on the agenda for the January meeting and the revision made a part of those January minutes.

VI. CLERK'S REPORT

The following meeting dates were listed:

- Monday, January 26, 2026, 9 a.m.
- Monday, February 23, 2026, 9 a.m.
- Monday, March 23, 2026, 9 a.m.

All meetings will be held in the Community Room at F/S #442, 17619 E. Rio Verde Drive, Rio Verde, AZ 85263.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Commissioner Sturman reported on the October 2025 financials:

Financial Report	
Revenue	\$1,943,203.53
Expenses	\$514,106.16
Other Income (Expense)	\$0.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$1,429,097.37
Transfers to (From) Capital Fund	\$0.00
Adjusted Net Income	\$1,429,097.37
Budgeted Monthly Net Income	\$1,129,780.91
YTD Net Income (Loss)	\$2,674,428.68
Borrowing from Capital Fund	\$1,250,000.00
YTD Adjusted Net Income	\$1,424,428.68
YTD Budgeted Net Income	\$1,180,310.49
General Fund Operating Cash	\$2,645,003.73

Capital Fund Cash	\$804,993.63
Capital Fund Advances to General Fund	\$1,250,000.00
Capital Fund Equity	\$2,054,993.53
YTD Funds Borrowed from Capital Fund	\$1,250,000.00
YTD Funds Repaid to Capital Fund	-0-
Funds Owed to Capital Fund	\$1,250,000.00
Total Bond Fund Authorization*	\$5,101,858.64
Total Expenditures to Date	\$4,956,107.47
Total Interest to Date (Interest Earned)	\$47,804.15
Current Month Expenditures	-0-
Remaining Bond Equity	\$67.71

*The “Total Bond Fund Authorization” includes the \$5,000,000 bond, plus the cost of issuance.

Commissioner Sturman reviewed that the October P&L had been approved at the November meeting. The rest of the October financials were not available at the last meeting, but they should be approved at this December meeting.

Commissioner Tabor moved that the Board accept the October 2025 financial reports as submitted. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Finney and passed unanimously.

The November financial report will be reviewed/approved at the January 2026 meeting, after receipt of the report from the Maricopa County Treasurer’s Office.

VIII. COMMISSIONER OVERSEEING EMS

Clerk Jeanne Finney reported that no surveys were returned; therefore, none were available for review.

IX. PROPOSAL FROM AT&T FIRSTNET

AT&T sent the district a proposal regarding an AT&T FirstNet Monopole Antenna Site. The proposal included AT&T’s leasing a portion of ground space at Rio Verde Fire Station #442 “anywhere from 50’ x 50’ or smaller to place an antenna tower for AT&T FirstNet, 5G, and any other future carriers that will bring in an income starting from \$1,500 and up for a monthly rent.” The monopole can also be utilized for RVFD radio transmission equipment. Currently, the only radio system antenna site is at Station #441.

AT&T will also provide the district with a \$7,500 stipend for inconvenience.

The Board provided Chief Krushak with its approval to continue negotiations with AT&T for the antenna site. A contract will be drawn up by AT&T and reviewed by the district's attorney prior to being returned to the Board for discussion and vote.

X. CHIEF'S REPORT

Legislation

The State legislature is scheduled to reconvene on January 12, 2026. One hundred thirty-nine (139) bills have been filed for the new legislative session, but most of these bills do not affect the fire district.

One piece of legislation (HB 2059) that could affect the fire district is the abolishment of rural speed limits. A minimum 80+ mph speed limit would be placed in certain rural areas (I-8 between Casa Grande and Yuma). Krushak's opinion was that the fire districts would oppose such legislation.

Adjusting language in an existing bill is being drafted regarding unincorporated areas. This new wording would allow Maricopa County to compensate municipalities and fire districts to respond into unincorporated areas.

Corridor Fire

There was a corridor fire on December 19, 2025, at 2:30 pm. Rural Metro placed the facts on social media but did not request any fire assistance even though there was a victim involved.

Golf Tournament

The golf tournament was held on Monday, December 1, 2025, at Trilogy. Under the Tabors' supervision, it has been called the most successful local event to date. The district netted \$55,396.17 from donations, which can be used for EKG/CPR devices that directly impact the community.

Pancake Breakfast

The pancake breakfast was held on December 6, 2025, at F/S #441. This was the firefighter's union charity event for Verde Cares.

Road Construction

The standpipe road will be paved in the next few days, and this project should be done on January 1, 2026.

Chief Krushak will push to obtain additional fire hydrants in the Rio Verde Drive/Dynamite Road area.

Firefighter Departing District

One firefighter has accepted a position with the City of Phoenix and will be leaving the district the end of January. He will need to be replaced with a candidate from the firefighter employee list who has already been vetted. There might be a temporary increase in payroll numbers (in the spring) due to the need for additional training. The district will be reimbursed for this firefighter's past training, as he has been active for less than one year.

EPCOR Water Lines

The district will most likely not have specifics on EPCOR water lines while there is construction on Rio Verde Drive/Dynamite.

XI. DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Paramedic Training

Deputy Chief Kelvin Bartee indicated that the district has an ongoing paramedic testing process, and two members will be placed into the Phoenix Fire Department's paramedic training program. All four candidates passed a written test, with scores of 90%+.

Interviews will be held on Monday, December 29, 2025, and the two members selected will go into that paramedic training program, a nine-month program. The final graduation should be in October 2026.

Annexation

Bartee spoke with the engineer from the West 36th project for a year-end update, and they are still working with Maricopa County Flood Control on flood control, wastewater, and water drainage. Once those discussions are completed, progress should move more swiftly.

Facilities Maintenance

During November, Station #441 had water leaks requiring repair and stucco. Another water leak was located at the rear of the building, caused by the dripping air conditioning unit above. This leak is still undergoing and not yet repaired.

On November 18, weed killer and pre-emergent was sprayed on the grounds surrounding Station #442.

Response Data

Total Calls	125
Average Response Time	4:07
Average On-Scene Time	20:55
Overall Time to Clear	25:52

XII. FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Fire Marshal Chris Cavanaugh reported the following for the month of November:

Permits Issued:	2025	2024
Sprinklers	8	11
Propane	7	8
Other	0	1
YTD (All Types)	107	148
Plan Reviews:	2025	
Propane	7	
Sprinkler	1	
Tent (Later Cancelled)	1	
Total Inspections	11	

Trilogy/Shea Homes

One thousand and eighty-six (1,086) homes have been closed by Trilogy/Shea Homes as of the end of November. Cavanaugh anticipates the same number of homes/lots sold for the upcoming two and a half years – 85 or 90 homes/lots remain unsold.

XIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER'S REPORT

Wildland Expense Update

Administrative Manager Jennifer Jacobe informed the Board that wildland expenses (Greer, Monarch, California) in the amount of \$203,507.98 were invoiced and received this year.

Meeting calendars were sent out to Board members and will be discussed in January.

XIV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

XV. BOARD COMMENTS

Chief Krushak informed the Board that the SCBA agreement has been approved by the City of Phoenix's attorneys and that the agreement will be sent to the City Council for approval. We anticipate that expenditure within two months.

The district received a federal grant (\$118,000) for EKG monitors in 2021/2022. Only one EKG monitor was purchased, as the remainder no longer matched the revised specifications. FEMA has been contacted regarding the brand new/as new reconditioned price, and it can be used for the remainder of the grant.

The PSPRS representative will make a presentation in January of 2026.

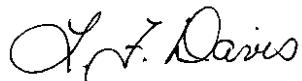
XVI. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

There were no additional chairperson comments

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Sturman moved that the Board adjourn. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Finney and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Libby Floyd Davis
My Personal Secretary (From Voice Recording)