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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monday, August 24, 2026, General Session of the RVFD Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Sewell at 9:07 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, Dave LeMoine, Nancy Sewell, Pete Sturman, and Harold Tabor

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Scott Krushak, Deputy Chief Kelvin Bartee, Fire Marshal Chris Cavanaugh, Administrative Manager Jennifer Jacobo, Administrative Assistant Tatum Heinrich, and Firefighter Dean Donaldson, Rio Verde Fire District.

II. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

All commissioners were present.

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

July 27, 2026 – General Session

Commissioner Lemoine moved that the Board approve the July 27, 2026, General Session minutes as submitted. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Tabor and passed unanimously.

VI. CLERK'S REPORT

The following meeting dates were listed:

- Monday, September 28, 2026, 9 a.m.
- Monday, October 26, 2026, 9 a.m.
- Monday, November 23, 2026, 9 a.m.

It was determined that even though Commissioners LeMoine and Tabor will not be present for the September meeting, there will be a quorum.

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

June 2026 Financial Report	
Revenue	\$372,523.84
Expenses	\$440,721.25
Other Income (Expense)	(\$831,808.04)
Net Income (Loss)	(\$900,005.45)
Transfers to (from) Capital Fund	(\$250,000.00)
Adjusted Net Income	(\$650,005.45)
Budgeted Monthly Net Income	(\$725,991.49)
YTD Net Income (Loss)	\$387,484.58
Borrowing from Capital Fund	0.00
YTD Adjusted Net Income	\$387,484.58
YTD Budgeted Net Income	0.00
General Fund Operating Cash	\$314,993.92
Capital Fund Cash	\$2,578,752.42
Capital Fund Advances to General Fund	0.00
Capital Fund Equity	\$2,578,752.42
YTD Funds Borrowed from Capital Fund	\$1,250,000.00

YTD Funds Repaid to Capital Fund	\$1,250,000.00
Funds Owed to Capital Fund	0.00
Total Bond Fund Authorization*	\$5,101,858.64
Total Expenditures to Date	\$4,956,107.47
Total Interest to Date (Interest Earned)	\$47,805.93
Current Month Expenditures	-0-
Remaining Bond Equity	\$69.49

The financial report for July has not yet been received from the County.

Commissioner Sturman noted that in the month of June (and the fiscal year), the district was relatively close to budget. The administrative team was commended for the excellent job it did with all things dealing with financial affairs.

Commissioner LeMoine moved that the Board approve: 1) a move of \$387,484.58 to the capital fund from the general fund on this date, and 2) a move of \$500,000 from the capital account to the general account on September 1. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Finney and passed unanimously.

VIII. COMMISSIONER OVERSEEING EMS REPORTS

There were no EMS survey responses again this month, but the staff is continuing to mail the surveys. Chief Krushak will see if he can send out the surveys every two weeks but indicated that survey information is only available to him on a monthly basis. Changing that survey mailing to two weeks would double our expenses. He also noted that summer calls are reduced to half of those in the winter months. Chief Krushak will explore obtaining a database query that would allow Administrative Assistant Tatum Heinrich to retrieve the information on a daily basis. Chief will also generate a report indicating all the surveys that were disseminated.

IX. CHIEF'S REPORT

Monthly Donations

Chief Krushak advised the Board that Trilogy hosted an event titled "National Night Out" and raised \$1,710 for the district. Another donation of \$5,000 was received from Rio Verde's Trilogy's Bob Peel."

District Activities

As noted in the Financial Report of these minutes, Maricopa County is late in providing the district reports, and sometimes they are inaccurate. A meeting was held with four other fire districts, and the outcome of that meeting was a formal letter to the Maricopa County Treasurer asking for a meeting to discuss the difficulties (inability to plan financial decisions) the

districts are having due to these late/inaccurate financial reports. To date, there has been no response to the letter. Chief Krushak then spoke with a member of Tom Galvin's staff (Board of Supervisors) informing him/her of their recent actions with Maricopa County Treasurer's Office. Krushak will keep the Board up to date on this issue.

A propane system is used to power F/S #441's generator, and it had an underground propane leak at that station. A temporary unit is being used until the new above-ground 120-gallon propane system is approved and installed. The underground tank will need to be filled with a slurry.

Cell Tower

A meeting was held with Maricopa County and AT&T which reviewed the entire cell tower installation process. A contract was sent to us for Nancy Sewell's signature as chairperson of the RVFD Board of Directors, and Chief Krushak will forward that contract to the attorney for the district for her approval. The district will be paid \$2,500 per month, with an escalation clause, plus \$7,000 to start the process.

EKG Monitors

Last month the purchase of the EKG monitors was approved, and the contractor will provide five complete EKG monitors. Given our current inventory of EKGs, this will ensure one spare EKG monitor that could be used to deploy our EMS/Medic unit to wildland fires, giving us another revenue source.

X. DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Staffing

- Currently we have 33 fulltime positions staffed, and our goal is 35 fulltime positions. Several positions have or will be vacated (retirement (1), change of districts (3)).
- Six members are on the district's "hire" list, and background checks and physicals are being scheduled. Four of those new members will be placed into the fire academy, starting September 28. The other two members have begun working as EMTs on the ambulance and will start in the next fire academy which begins in January. Once those positions are filled, the district will be at its targeted number.
- We currently have enough paramedics to meet our medic positions plus a small overage. We will continue to put members into paramedic training to increase that level's staffing. Currently, we have two members in the paramedic program, and they will graduate from that program in October. One additional member will be placed into the program in September.

Annexation

Plants continue to be relocated in the annexation area; the progression continues.

Station Maintenance

CORE is currently working to correct the restroom's clogged plumbing in F/S #442.

A tree was blown down in one of the recent storms, but it has been replaced.

An east-facing door (coming out of the dorms) blew open due to a natural flow path in a recent storm. They are exploring sources to repair that door.

XI. FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

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

Permits Issued:	2026	2025
Sprinklers	12	7
Propane	7	7
Other	0	0
YTD (All Types)	71	81
Plan Reviews:	2026	
Propane	7	
Total Inspections	24	

A Proposed Amendment for Propane Tanks Abandoned in Place was submitted by Chris Cavanaugh. Cavanaugh accepted the Board's support of the Proposed Amendment. (See attached document.)

Trilogy/Shea Homes

One thousand, one hundred and fifteen (1,115) homes have been closed by Trilogy/Shea Homes as of the end of July.

XII. ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER'S REPORT

There has been no wildland activity within the district for the past month.

Jennifer Jacobe will submit all 2025/2026 documents to the district's auditor.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was agreed that even though two commissioners will be absent, the September meeting remain as Monday, September 28, 2026.

XIV. BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner LeMoine asked staff members if they would update the photographs on the district's website.

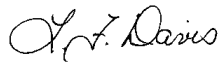
XV. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

There were no chairperson's comments.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:42 a.m. Commissioner LeMoine moved that the Board adjourn. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Tabor and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Libby Floyd Davis

My Personal Secretary (From Voice Recording)