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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monday, October 26, 2026, General Session of the RVFD Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Sewell at 9:01 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 Jacobe, Rio Verde Fire District; Steve and Patricia Natter, Verde River residents.

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 community website.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response to the Call to the Public.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 28, 2026 – General Session

Commissioner Sturman moved that the Board approve the September 28, 2026, General Session minutes as submitted. That motion was seconded by Commissioner LeMoine and passed unanimously.

VI. CLERK'S REPORT

The following meeting dates were listed:

- Monday, November 23, 2026, 9 a.m.
- Monday, December 28, 2026, 9 a.m.
- Monday, January 25, 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. PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was called at 9:05 a.m. to discuss adoption of the 2024 International Fire Code with local amendments. There were no comments at the meeting by residents, though a few questions were discussed prior to the meeting.

The amendments had been posted to the RVFD website, the post office, the Rio Verde Community Center, the Tonto clubhouse, on October 4, 2026, and on the Trilogy website on October 6, 2026. Once adopted, the 2024 IFC with RVFD amendments will become the enforceable fire code within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Rio Verde Fire District and will replace the 2018 IFC with RVFD amendments currently enacted. Approval must be granted by the State Fire Marshal's Office, and the Board will vote on the proposed code adoption at a later meeting. Fire Marshal Chris Cavanaugh hopes to have the updated fire code in place no later than January 1, 2027.

The public hearing was closed at 9:22 a.m.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

AUGUST 2026

July 2026 Financial Report	
Revenue	$31,871.74
Expenses	$433,653.03
Other Income (Expense)	$112,515.42
Net Income (Loss)	($289,265.87)
Transfers to (from) Capital Fund	$500,000.00
Adjusted Net Income	($789,265.87)
Budgeted Monthly Net Income	($410,771.75)

YTD Net Income (Loss)	$234,054.73
Borrowing from Capital Fund	$1,000,000.00
YTD Adjusted Net Income	($765,945.27)
YTD Budgeted Net Income	($789,970.00)
General Fund Operating Cash	$142,764.37
Capital Fund Cash	$1,921,167.71
Capital Fund Advances to General Fund	$1,000,000.00
Capital Fund Equity	$2,921,167.71
YTD Funds Borrowed from Capital Fund	$1,000,000.00
YTD Funds Repaid to Capital Fund	-0-
Funds Owed to Capital Fund	$1,000,000.00
Total Bond Fund Authorization*	$5,101,858.64
Total Expenditures to Date	$4,956,107.47
Total Interest to Date (Interest Earned)	$47,806.22
Current Month Expenditures	-0-
Remaining Bond Equity	$69.78

Commissioner Finney moved that the Board approve all reports included in the August Financial Report. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Tabor and passed unanimously.

SEPTEMBER 2026

July 2026 Financial Report	
Revenue	$399,403.37
Expenses	$606,183.31
Other Income (Expense)	$500,000.00
Net Income (Loss)	$293,220.06
Transfers to (from) Capital Fund	$500,000.00
Adjusted Net Income	($206,779.94)
Budgeted Monthly Net Income	$535,857.05
YTD Net Income (Loss)	$527,274.79
Borrowing from Capital Fund	$1,500,000.00
YTD Adjusted Net Income	($972,725.21)
YTD Budgeted Net Income	($254,112.95)
General Fund Operating Cash	$443,729.74
Capital Fund Cash	$1,425,255.01
Capital Fund Advances to General Fund	$1,500,000.00
Capital Fund Equity	$2,925,255.01

YTD Funds Borrowed from Capital Fund	$1,500,000.00
YTD Funds Repaid to Capital Fund	-0-
Funds Owed to Capital Fund	$1,500,000.00
Total Bond Fund Authorization*	$5,101,858.64
Total Expenditures to Date	$4,956,107.47
Total Interest to Date (Interest Earned)	$47,806.39
Current Month Expenditures	-0-
Remaining Bond Equity	$69.95

Commissioner Sturman moved that the Board approve all reports included in the September Financial Report. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Tabor and passed unanimously.

IX. COMMISSIONER OVERSEEING EMS REPORTS

There were 11 EMS survey responses (out of 20) returned from between July and September, all claiming outstanding service with no negative comments.

X. CHIEF'S REPORT

Cell Tower

The contract with AT&T has been reviewed by the attorney for the district, and she has pointed out the contract items that need to be reworded. Chief Krushak will contact her for specific verbiage.

Firewise

The next Firewise meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2026. State officials will be present, Captain Tyler Rohrer will be speaking on lithium battery storage, a Maricopa County official will be speaking about the wireless electronic reporting system, and Diane Newcomb will be present to discuss fuel mitigation efforts.

Wildland Events

The chief attended an event which discussed wildland fire risk threat and insurance. The RVFD has a high insurance rating (an ISO of 2, second best available). Homeowners can obtain a notice of this rating from the district to use when meeting with their insurance agencies on the cost of their policies.

The district firefighters (and equipment) are on a two-week deployment to Riverside, California, and the Henderson fire in Camp Pendleton and Oceanside, also in California. Another deployment to that area is anticipated.

Golf Tournament

Margaret Tabor has exceeded all expectations in regard to the organization of the golf tournament to be held on November 30, 2026, at Trilogy.

XI. DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Staffing

- Four firefighters were sent to the Regional Fire Training Academy, and they are all doing exceptionally well.
- Two firefighters are returning from a six-month paramedic training program and are scheduled to take their final paramedic test at the beginning of November.
- We have a new upcoming retirement – Engineer Doug Blazer – after 22 years with the district. His last working date is November 30, 2026, and a retirement celebration will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at 11 a.m. This retirement generates a promotional opportunity for an engineer.

West 36 (Ashmore Ranch)

Deputy Chief Bartee reported that the annexation into the fire district is now complete and fully recorded with the Maricopa County's Recorder's Office. The new development is now going to be referred to as Ashmore Ranch. They are awaiting final approval from Maricopa County.

Station Maintenance

- There was a shower leak in F/S #442, caused from the ADA-compliant grab rails in the south bathroom. CORE corrected this problem by caulking those grab rails.
- The tires on Engine #442 were replaced.
- The evaporative cooler in F/S #441 was replaced.

XII. FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

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

Permits Issued:	**1**	**2025**
Sprinklers	1	2
Propane	0	1
Other	0	1
YTD (All Types)	77	86
Plan Reviews:	**2026**	
Propane	0	
Sprinkler	1	
Clean Agent System	0	
Total Inspections	21	

Trilogy/Shea Homes

One thousand, one hundred and twenty-four (1,124) homes have been closed by Trilogy/Shea Homes as of the end of September.

XIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER'S REPORT

As mentioned in the Chief's Report, four firefighters and one vehicle were deployed to multiple sites in California.

The projected Board meeting dates were distributed to the Board members and staff. Discussion will follow.

XIV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

XV. BOARD COMMENTS

There were no further Board comments.

XVI. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

Chairperson Sewell thanked Verde River residents Steve and Patricia Natter for attending.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:11 a.m. Commissioner Sturman 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)