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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monday, September 28, 2026, General Session of the RVFD Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Sewell at approximately 9:00 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 (via telephone)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Harold Tabor

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Scott Krushak, Fire Marshal Chris Cavanaugh, Administrative Manager Jennifer Jacobe, Administrative Assistant Tatum Heinrich, Rio Verde Fire District; Laura Spoor, Vendor (arrived later in meeting)

II. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

All commissioners were present with the exception of Harold Tabor.

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.

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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 24, 2026 – General Session

Commissioner Lemoine moved that the Board approve the August 24, 2026, General Session minutes as submitted. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Finney and passed unanimously.

VI. CLERK'S REPORT

The following meeting dates were listed:

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

Discussion was held on availability for the December 28, 2026, meeting. This subject will be placed on the October agenda.

Due to the fact that no one is running for the District Board against the directors that have agreed to participate for another term, the election has been cancelled.

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

Revenue	$423,376.91
Expenses	$400,286.31
Other Income (Expense)	$500,230.00
Net Income (Loss)	$523,320.60
Transfers to (from) Capital Fund	$500,000.00
Adjusted Net Income	$23,320.60
Budgeted Monthly Net Income	($379,198.25)
YTD Net Income (Loss)	$523,320.60
Borrowing from Capital Fund	$500,000.00
YTD Adjusted Net Income	$23,320.60
YTD Budgeted Net Income	($379,198.25)
General Fund Operating Cash	$444,557.11
Capital Fund Cash	$2,081,878.20
Capital Fund Advances to General Fund	500,000.00

Capital Fund Equity	$2,581.878.20
YTD Funds Borrowed from Capital Fund	$500,000.00
YTD Funds Repaid to Capital Fund	-0-
Funds Owed to Capital Fund	$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)	$47,806.06
Current Month Expenditures	-0-
Remaining Bond Equity	$69.62

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

Commissioner Sturman noted that November 1, 2026, should show an increase in tax receipts.

Administrative Manager Jennifer Jacobe will run a QuickBooks report to verify interest earned on the district's bond.

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

VIII. DISCUSSION TO ACCEPT FEMA F/Y 2025 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT

Due to the age of our radios, the district has been borrowing radios from the Mesa Fire District. Staff submitted an application for a F/Y 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant and was approved in the amount of $192,604.83 in Federal funding. Contributing funds will be $9,630.25 for a total expenditure of $202,235.08. The grant is to be used for possibly 18 P-25 compliant portable radios and chargers/lithium-ion batteries, depending upon price.

Commissioner LeMoine moved that the Board approve the upgrading of the radio system. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Finney and passed unanimously.

IX. COMMISSIONER OVERSEEING EMS REPORTS

There were two EMS survey responses returned for July, both claiming outstanding service with no negative comments. A few survey responses are currently being received for the month of August. All surveys are sent out every two weeks in paper form.

Tatum Heinrich has added a fire district address, email address, and a QR code to the paper survey form. We are seeing surveys returned in multiple ways now. We will continue to evaluate.

X. CHIEF'S REPORT

Maricopa County Treasurer

The Maricopa County Treasurer was contacted via a formal letter regarding the delay in receipt of correct financial reports. The Treasurer's office responded, indicating that the software problem is being rectified. Manual calculations by the fire districts are being used to correct records in the meantime.

Local District PSPRS

A letter from the State PSPRS was received, indicating a 14.5% return on investment, and $3.3 billion was placed into the retirement system.

Cell Tower

Since AT&T has not provided the district with a permit for the cell tower, Chief Krushak has been reluctant to have the attorney for the district read and act upon their 40-page agreement.

EKG Monitors

Staff purchased five complete EKG monitors and now has a total of five complete EKG monitors with six defibrillator pieces.

XI. DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT – PRESENTED BY CHIEF KRUSHAK

Fire Call

There was a fire call in Rio Verde caused by an outside barbeque up against a wall. District firefighters extinguished the fire.

Staffing

- One firefighter is now working at the station after completing training.
- Two firefighters are now in paramedic training and will graduate this week.
- One firefighter was sent into the six-month paramedic training, beginning full duty in late April.
- Six firefighters have been hired, four of whom will go into the Phoenix Academy for training on this date. The other two are registered EMTs who started on the ambulance last week and will enter the next Phoenix Academy.
- The district's senior engineer will retire on November 30, 2026, and another staff member will be promoted to take that position.
- The personnel stability point will be approximately April 27, 2027, pending that there are no other firefighters leaving.

- A Local PSPRS meeting was held just prior to this Board meeting in order to bring new firefighters into the retirement system.
- The process for captain and engineer promotional lists has begun.

West 36

Deputy Chief Bartee continues to have discussions with the West 36 representatives regarding fire suppression systems, roadways, etc. They are still salvaging native vegetation, but they will begin in phases after that project is done.

Station Maintenance

CORE has completed maintenance on the restroom's clogged drain in F/S #442. It was noted that it was not attractive, but it has been fixed.

The evaporative cooler in F/S #401 went out, but it was fixed. There was a problem with the wiring of the A/C, but that problem was rectified at the same time the evaporative cooler was fixed.

XII. FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

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

Sprinklers	2	0
Propane	2	1
Other	1	0
YTD (All Types)	76	82
Propane	2	
Sprinkler	4	
Clean Agent System	1	
Total Inspections	19	

Trilogy/Shea Homes

One thousand, one hundred and twenty (1,120) homes have been closed by Trilogy/Shea Homes as of the end of August.

For the amendments to the fire code to take affect, the district needs to hold a public hearing in October. Fire Marshal Chris Cavanagh suggested holding it at a Board meeting. The public hearing notice would be included in the Board meeting agenda, at the fire station, Rio Verde Post Office, Rio Verde Community Center, the Tonto Verde Community Center, and on the

Verde River community website. Cavanaugh also offered to post it in the newspaper and the other community associations.

XIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER'S REPORT

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

The upcoming audit is being held up by the delays in getting correct financial information from the County Treasurer's Office.

Jacobe is in the process of correcting the bond expenditures and interest figures.

XIV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

XV. BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Finney noted that the district's website is outdated. Administrative Assistant Tatum Heinrich will work with Chief Krushak on getting that information up to date.

XVI. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

Laura Spoor introduced herself to the Board.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:36 a.m. Commissioner LeMoine moved that the Board adjourn. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Finney and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

L. F. Davis

Libby Floyd Davis
My Personal Secretary (From Voice Recording)