

FITCH-RONA EMS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Fitch-Rona EMS District
101 Lincoln St., Verona, WI
Thursday, February 19, 2026

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Roll Call Present: Micah LaDousa, Daniel Schultz, Jake Lepper, Patrick Lytle, Stephen Fusco, David Lonsdorf. Absent: James Roberts. Also present: Chief Patrick Anderson, Deputy Chief Devon Anders, and Scott Yarbrough, Fitchburg FACTv.

Public Comments: None

Election of Commission Officers (Chair and Secretary)

Daniel Schultz self-nominated for Secretary – All in favor – *Motion carried.*

David Lonsdorf self-nominated for Chair – All in favor – *Motion carried.*

Review and approval of meeting minutes from January 15, 2026

Motion by Lytle, Fusco second. *Motion carried.*

Chief's Report

Chief Anderson mentioned current calls and talked about the peak-time truck use. Numbers are where expected at this time of year. Chief noted that municipal funds for the first half of the year were received from two municipalities. He mentioned CDs and overall funding are where they should be.

Chief Anderson did mention that Briarpatch Youth came out to Station 3 this past month.

Chief mentioned milestones for two LTE staff: Kathy Anderson and Jamison Brinkmann.

Chief noted “shout outs” for Mollie Olson and Andrew Jensen for a thank you card received for the care provided, for Deputy Chief Dostalek for his work on Falls Prevention from Safety Communities of Dane County, and Andrew Jensen and Chip Hankley from a father for the care given to his son.

A question was asked about the EPIC Grant. The Chief explained the grant/needs process with EPIC. He explained that the costs aren't always known, and some funds are sometimes left over. They are used to cover ongoing maintenance of the grant-funded projects, like the e-bikes. The Chief noted that the request is usually submitted in the Spring, with funds received in June.

The Chief was asked about the number of falls in nursing homes. The Chief will split that out and provide it to the commission.

Review and approval of accounts payable checks authorized by Chief Anderson

Motion Lytle, Fusco second. *Motion carried.*

Discussion and possible action on policy update – Employment Categories

Chief Anderson explained the changes to the document. He noted the positions within the district and noted that one of the goals is to define the LTE's who work the peak-time ambulance positions. Those positions are permanent part-time employees and an LTE2 (Limited Term Employee) To incentivize the position, the wage for an LTE2 would be greater. In order to do this, the position needs to be defined and some criteria established.

The position is also for staff who are not brand new providers, but have had 2 years of paramedic service. The other definition is if a current full-time medic wants to go part-time as an LTE. They would go to an LTE 2 position.

Also added was the definition for permanent part-time. The position would also become a represented position. The Chief is currently working with the union on this and it would result in an MOU that would be brought to the commission at a later date.

Follow-up questions were asked and Chief explained the plans associated with the positions. Through several additional questions, the Chief explained the expectations for the positions, the future hiring expectations and use of those positions.

There is an intern category that still needs to be defined.

Motion to approve the document by Schultz, Fusco second. *Motion carried.*

Other Business:

None

Adjournment: Motion LaDousa, Schultz second to adjourn at 7:47 PM. *Motion carried.*

Next meeting – March 19, 2026, at 7 pm.

Approved:

David Lonsdorf, EMS Commission Chair