

FITCH-RONA EMS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Fitch-Rona EMS District
101 Lincoln St., Verona, WI
Thursday, May 21, 2026

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. New commission member Mary Wienkers introduced herself and was welcomed to the commission.

Roll Call Present: Allison Kirk, Daniel Schultz, Jake Lepper, Mary Wienkers, Patrick Lytle, David Lonsdorf. Absent: Stephen Fusco. Also present: Chief Patrick Anderson, Deputy Chief Jeff Dostalek, Deputy Chief Devon Anders and Scott Yarbrough, Fitchburg FACTv.

Public Comments: None

Swearing in of new full-time paramedics

- a. Andrew Horne
- b. Sam Kicera
- c. Alyssa Kuhn
- d. Abigail Veytsman

Presentations – 2025 Financial Audit – Johnson Block, CPA

Brett Hofmeister and Claire Halvorson presented an overview of the 2025 financial audit and findings. No concerns over the financial status of the district were presented. They were able to explain the overall financial picture and answer a few questions.

Review and approval of meeting minutes from April 16, 2026

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

Chief's Report

Chief Anderson noted that calls are down 6.4% overall for the year. He feels that this is a leveling off from previous years and no concern. He noted mutual aid from surrounding districts and that the peak time truck has been able to help as well during those times.

He noted that Deputy Chief Dostalek is working on stop the bleed classes and presenting falls prevention classes, with one in Spanish.

On the financial side, he discussed the aging report and noted his conversations with the billing company regarding outstanding accounts and length of time for some and resolution. He did say that when billing estates, those can stay on the books for 3 years when trying to receive payments. He also noted that some patients are on payment plans.

Milestones for paramedics were mentions with Sara Imhoff at 24 years, Andrew Jensen at 13 years and retired paramedic Ryan Dockry at 19 years.

He discussed the intern program and recent interviews as well with a higher interest than previous years.

For the operating budget the Chief noted that we are 32% through the year with 36% collected in run revenue and 34% shown as expenditures. Expenditures were mentioned as being higher because some billings are quarterly or semi-annually which can skew the overall percentage.

Resolution 2026-01 Approval of GASB 54

The Chief explained the document and motion to approve was made by Lepper, Second Wienkers. *Motion carried.*

Review and approval of accounts payable checks authorized by Chief Anderson

Motion Schulz, Second Lepper. *Motion carried.*

Discussion and possible action on Memorandum of Understanding with IAFF Local 311 to establish Permanent Part Time positions

Chief Anderson explained the document and the small changes that were made from last month's meeting. He noted that the MOU goes through the end of 2027. The Chief has proposed paying for the this with the unassigned fund balance and savings from retirees at higher wages. There were a few questions that were answered to clarify.

Motion to approve with correcting the amount the district would cover for health and dental premium from 78% to 76% by Lepper, Second Kirk. *Motion carried.*

Resolution 2026-02 Assignment of Unassigned Fund Balance to Paramedic Internship

Chief Anderson explained the resolution with an opportunity to recruit a second paid intern for the remainder of 2026 and in 2027 with a cost of \$35,000. This is a finite resolution that would end December 31, 2027. He could put it in the budget but is proposing to use the unassigned fund balance to cover the cost as a reinvestment into the service.

Motion to approve by Lepper, Second Schulz. *Motion carried.*

Other Business:

There was mention of EMS Week. The cities did announce a proclamation on this and the Chief noted a Thank you for doing so.

The Chief noted that there is a special commission meeting on June 3rd followed by the regular monthly commission meeting on June 18, 2026.

Adjournment: Motion Kirk, Lytle second to adjourn at 8:47 PM. *Motion carried.*

Next monthly commission meeting – June 18, 2026, at 7 pm.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Lonsdorf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

David Lonsdorf, EMS Commission Chair