FITCH-RONA EMS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Fitch-Rona EMS District
101 Lincoln St., Verona, WI
Thursday, August 20, 2026

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Public Comments: None

Recognition of Volunteer EMT/Paramedic Tom Bates for 35 years of Service

Swearing in and pinning of paramedic intern Madalynn Cramlet

Promotion of Paramedic Lieutenant Andrew Jensen

Review and approval of meeting minutes from July 16, 2026.
Motion Schulz, Kirk Second – Motion carried.

Chief's Report

July was a busy and up by 2%. Chief Anderson mentioned events and noted staff who provided service.

Financials are as expected for July. The Chief discussed the August aging report. He did reach out to Johnson Block on metrics used and was told that there are not good numbers out there for aging. Johnson Block did send some good articles to consider for updating the goal metrics. Some of the aging did change in the 180 days with DC Dostalek and the Chief reviewing and updating calls.

Last month the commission discussed what the collection agency keeps. The billing company keeps 6% of the billing, but collection companies keep 20% of the billing (which is less than prior vendor).

FAP expenditures include new mounting brackets for cardiac monitors and there were no donations for the month.

Milestones mentioned for Amy Hanson and Jessica Peters and a shout out was made for Andrew Jensen and Jeremy Owens receiving a thank you card for their care.

Dr. Mancera will do a presentation at the annual meeting in October.

DC Dostalek mentioned the recruitment process for the new deputy and what the process is going forward.

Chief mentioned personnel complaint with arbitration set for end of September. Since then, the personnel who left employment also filed a complaint with the Department of Workforce Development.

Resolution 2026-07 Approval of GASB 54
Chief explained the changes in costs shown. Nothing else new.
Motion by Kirk, Schulz second. Motion carried.

Review and approval of accounts payable checks authorized by Chief Anderson
Motion by Fusco, Wienkers second. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2026-08 purchase of replacement response/support vehicle

Chief provided information on replacement of response vehicles. He noted what the vehicle would include and the advantages to a newer larger vehicle. The Chief mentioned that Epic Systems provided a large donation towards the replacement of the vehicle. The grant along with some FAP funds will go towards the car and this resolution asks to use unassigned funds to fund the remainder of the expense. This would leave CIP funds with the municipalities for future ambulance purchase increases. These funds would also be used to replace radios and for graphics for the vehicle. Supplies would be used from the existing trailer and what is in the current response vehicle. The district would keep the 2020 explorer and the 2010 expedition will be offered to the cities or go to auction for sale. The funds from the sale go into the general fund. The trailer was received for free initially, but we will offer it up for others that could use it.

Motion to commit $100,000 from unassigned fund balance and committing to purchase the vehicle by Wienkers, Fusco second. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on Memorandum of Understanding regarding Permanent Part Time Paramedic positions. (Tabled from July 16th)
Motion to come off the table by Schulz, Wienkers second. Motion carried.

Chief Anderson went through the changes and concerns from the union on some of the language.

The end goal is that by adding permanent part time and the peak time truck, in 2030 we have funding to convert the part time to full-time positions. He is still waiting for agreement from the union and will keep the commission updated. The chief answered a few operational questions about the position and would anticipate the positions would start in September.

Motion to approve the MOU by Fusco, Wienkers second. Roll call vote made.
All commission members voted in favor of the memorandum. Motion carried.

Other Business, as allowed by law:

a. Reminder of Annual District Meeting on October 15th
   Chair Lonsdorf will not be able to attend due to a conflict.

Adjournment: Motion by Schulz, Wienkers second to adjourn at 8:00 PM. *Motion carried.*
Next Meeting – September 17, 2026, at 7pm

Approved: David Lonsdorf

David Lonsdorf, EMS Commission Chair