MINUTES OF THE RICHFIELD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: February 5, 2026 - rescheduled January Meeting (canceled due to inclement weather)
Location: Richfield Town Hall
Time: 6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

- Commissioner Kevin Almond
- Commissioner Barry Byrd
- Commissioner Christy NeCaise
- Commissioner Cynthia Heglar
- Commissioner Mike Beaver

Visitors Present: Jim Misenheimer, Jeff Balfrey, CJ Crisco, Tony Misenheimer, Richard Cosgrove, Carson Yuckel, Kim Lane, Gale Kirk, Gary Weart, Michael Harrington, Martha Harrington, Amanda & David Cody, Rick & Connie Gordon, Tyler Gordon, Scottie Heglar, Bonnie Smith, Lynn Galloway

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Byrd called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Motion 01-26 – Approve Agenda

Commissioner NeCaise motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Heglar seconded. Commissioner Almond asked to add Hero Banners to Old Business. Commissioner Almond Motioned to approve the agenda with the Hero Banners addition. Commissioner Beaver seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Byrd read the resignation letter from Mayor Blatt aloud.

Motion 02-26 Commissioner NeCaise motioned to accept the Mayors resignation. Commissioner Beaver seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Formal Request:

Gary Weart: ALCOA Land Sale/ Save Tuckertown

Mr. Weart educated the Board and visitors on the sale of land owned by ALCOA. He introduced everyone to Three Rivers Land Trust and their mission to purchase this land and give to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. More information can be found at savetuckertown.org

Public Comments:

Jim Misenheimer: Mr. Misenheimer spoke on stagnant progress. He mentioned that we have less police protection now than we did two years ago. He said he thinks Richfield should at least provide the same protection we did two years ago and he wants the town to sign at least a 4 year contract with the Stanly County Sheriffs Department.

Motion 03-26 – Approve December 15, 2025 Minutes

Commissioner Heglar motioned to approve the minutes from December 15, 2025. Commissioner Beaver seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion 04-26: Approve Financials from November & December 2025

Commissioner Heglar motioned to approve the financials from November & December 2025. Commissioner NeCaise seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Town Attorney: John Scarbrough (Concord) with Scarbrough & Scarbrough, PLLC introduced himself and gave some background information. He said he would be happy to serve at the Boards pleasure.

Motion 05-26: Commissioner Byrd motioned to hire Attorney Scarbrough. Commissioner Beaver seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

America 250 NC – Student Art Contest and Municipality Pole Banners

Motion 06-26: Commissioner Byrd motioned to use the money in the budget under Lights & Banners to purchase poles and brackets for the art banners. Commissioner Almond seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption

Motion 07-26: Commissioner Heglar motioned to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Richfield. Commissioner NeCaise seconded. Commissioner NeCaise mentioned

to the Board that this needs to be reviewed annually. Commissioner Byrd said that it would fall within Town Hall. Motion carries unanimously.

Town Accountant & Town Auditor: Commissioner Heglar said this needed to be pushed to the next meeting.

Stanly County Sheriffs Contract: Commissioner Almond noted that the Stanly County Sheriff's Department is currently only able to provide supplemental coverage and suggested purchasing the patrol vehicle and reducing the experience requirement to one year. Commissioner Byrd further explained the supplemental coverage model and noted that the Sheriff's Department is unable to fill the position at this time, suggesting the Board could vote to schedule extra patrol through the end of the current budget period. Commissioner NeCaise proposed entering into a contract beginning July 1, 2026.

Sheriff Crisco advised that the current contract could be modified prior to June 30th to allow off-duty officers to provide patrol services at the Board's direction. CJ Crisco expressed support for receiving the additional supplemental coverage immediately. Attorney Scarbrough advised the Board that this matter may be discussed in closed session.

Motion 08-26: Commissioner NeCaise motioned to table the Stanly County Sheriffs Contract conversation until next meeting. Commissioner Heglar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Hero Banners: Commissioner Almond said we need to get a committee for this. Bonnie Smith, June Almond and a representative from the Veterans Office will help.

Department Reports:

Commissioner NeCaise (Parks & Rec): Commissioner NeCaise said the pond at the park is almost full again. They are in the process of getting quotes to fill it with fish again.

Commissioner Byrd (Zoning): Commissioner Byrd said he has been approached by folks wanting ACE to help handle issues in the ETJ/outside of city limits. He mentioned that he would like ACE to go out into the ETJ if we get a written zoning complaint. Right now, the Board only voted to allow ACE inside city limits only.

Commissioner Byrd informed the Board that civil penalties were going to be imposed on some past due violations.

Attorney Scarbrough said that if the ETJ is covered in the Town's zoning ordinance it should be enforced.

Motion 09-26: Commissioner Byrd motioned to allow ACE to go into the ETJ on a complaint driven basis. Commissioner Beaver seconded. Commissioner Heglar discussed waiting until we get more information and would like to speak to the community. Commissioner Byrd rescinded his motion and Commissioner Beaver rescinded his second. Topic tabled until next meeting.

Commissioner Heglar (Finance): Commissioner Heglar said she would like to start budget workshops in March on a day other than the Board meeting. The Board agreed to schedule the budget workshop for March 16th at 6pm.

Commissioner Almond (Streets): Commissioner Almond said the rail on Deese Street was fixed on January 2nd. There is a hole that needs to be fixed before the road washes away and they will need to rent a mini excavator.

Motion 10-26: Commissioner Almond motioned to purchase the bushhog with Powell Bill funds. Commissioner Beaver seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

Commissioner Almond asked Ms. Capps to reach out to the State about signs for the road for Richfield CDC.

Commissioner Beaver (Maintenance): Commissioner Beaver said he thinks the Town should look for a smaller tractor with a front-end loader in the future.

Motion 11-26: Commissioner Almond motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Beaver seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem

Carolyn Capps
Clerk

Date: 2-23-2026

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