

# *Tri-River Police Training Region*

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## **Tri-River Police Training Region Advisory Board Minutes of October 23, 2024 Meeting**

The October 23, 2024 Tri-River Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Anthony Novak in the Community Room at the Plainfield Police Department, and a quorum of members and proxies was established.

### **Members in attendance:**

Jason Louthan for Chief Brian Benton  
Nicholas Forster for Chief Phil Arnold  
Chief Adam Bogart  
Mimi Bejda for Chief Brandt Hromadka  
Ryan Dobczyk for Chief Edward Clark  
Chief Ryan Gulli  
Pat Kinsella for Chief Mike Rompa  
Sherrie Blackburn for Chief William Evans  
Micah Nuesse for Chief Louis Alessandrini  
Chief Leanne Chelepis  
Chief Robert Miller  
Caleb Counterman, Grundy County Board  
Hilary Davis, ILETSB Representative

### **Members absent:**

Chief Rich Harang  
Chief Fred Hayes  
Chief Scott Koerner  
Chief Robert Dykstra  
Chief Justin Meyer  
Chief Alicia Steffes  
Chief Chris Harseim  
Chief Al Swinford  
Chief Adam Zink  
Sheriff Mike Kelley  
Sheriff Ken Briley  
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher

### **Others in attendance:**

Anthony Novak, Plainfield PD  
Luke Ostreko, Plainfield PD  
Chris Luttrell, Joliet Junior College PD  
Louis Silich, Will County State's Attorney's Office  
Bradley Hertzmann, Tri-River, Executive Director  
Becky Burnett, Tri-River, Administrative Assistant

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Chief Chelepis made a motion to approve the September 25, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Mimi Bejda and carried by all members present. Motion passed.

## **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Vice-Chairman Novak went around the room for introductions and welcomed all to the meeting.

## **VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

No Report

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **PERSONNEL:**

No Report

- **FINANCE:**

Director Hertzmann reviewed the Financial Report dated 10/23/2024, a copy was distributed. (Report will be attached to these minutes to be archived)

### Highlights:

- Tri-River classes held: Instructor Development \$7,152.67, FTO Certification \$8,100.00, Policing a Diversified America \$1,062.17, Social Media & Online Investigations \$1,800.00, Acting Patrol Officer in Charge \$2,050.00, Bloodstain Evidence Workshop \$909.88
- IDOT Grant classes held: None
- H.S. Grant classes held: None
- ILETSB/CIT/SRO/LHI Grant classes held: (5) \$47,163.29
- FY24 Grant reimbursements: IDOT \$0.00, CIT/SRO \$0.00, HS \$0.00
- Paid WRDR for FY24 Fiscal Audit, \$14,950.00, CK# 4292

- **POLICY AND BYLAWS:**

The Bylaws Committee has been working on creating a section within the Bylaws allowing the Director a specified spending authority. Proposed language was shared with attendees and will also be shared with any Advisory Board Members not present.

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Please notify Director Hertzmann and Commander Novak if you have any suggestions. We plan to bring this to the Advisory Board for a vote at next month's meeting, on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

- **TRAINING:**

No Report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### FY25 Membership Dues

- We have received \$241,150.00 in FY25 membership dues to date. Out of our 72 agencies, 1 has not paid. A final invoice was mailed to this agency, but it was returned to us as refused. Discussion of official termination will follow under New Business.

### Financial Audit for FY24 - WRDR

- The audit is complete, and there were no issues found. We did receive a letter from them pointing out something they consider to be a weakness; we have no bookkeeper on staff. It's simply a recommendation in securing the accuracy of our financial documentation. If anyone would like a copy of the final audit report, let Director Hertzmann know.

### Transfer of 2016 Dodge Caravan to City of Joliet

- It has been an agreed-upon practice for many years to transfer our vehicles to the City of Joliet once they have reached 8-10 years of use. This is in exchange for the maintenance they provide and perform on the vehicle during our ownership at no cost.
- We received the financial report documenting all costs for maintenance, parts, and labor performed. The total was \$6,834.82.
- We will need a motion to approve the transfer of the vehicle. A motion was made by Chief Miller and seconded by Chief Bogart to transfer the 2016 Dodge Caravan to the City of Joliet. Motion was carried by all members present (except Sherrie Blackburn, Joliet PD, who abstained).
- Caleb Counterman suggested putting this agreement in writing and adding it as a policy. He and others will look for similar language to bring forward at next month's meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### Membership Terminations

- Director Hertzmann provided a list of agencies who have discontinued paying dues (since 2009) but have not been officially terminated.
  - Some had notified us via email that they no longer wished to continue being members. The intent with these agencies is to let these email notifications serve as official membership cancellations.
  - The other agencies will be sent letters of official termination, notifying them of the opportunity to attend a hearing at next month's meeting to contest this.

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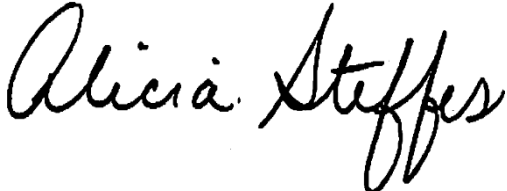

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## ADJOURNMENT:

Chief Miller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ryan Dobczyk, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Submitted by:

Transcribed by:

	
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Chief Alicia Steffes, Secretary, Advisory Board

Becky Burnett, Administrative Assistant, Tri-River