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Rio Christmas Decoration Contest!
The Rio Area Community Club is sponsoring a Christmas Decorating Contest for:
Businesses in the Village of Rio . . .

The decorations will be judged on December 7th by members of the Club. The winner will be awarded a \$100 gift card.

Questions? Contact Gregg Tisil at 920-253-6400

Rio Village
Caroling and Tree Lighting



**Sunday,
December 7th - 3:00 PM**

*We'll be gathering in the parking lot of the
Living Gospel Church at 3:00 pm*

You are invited to join the Community Club
for the annual Christmas caroling, tree lighting & refreshments
on Sunday, December 7th.

We'll be gathering in the parking lot of the Living Gospel Church at 3:00 pm. Wagons will pull out about 3:15 pm, will transport you around the Village, stopping at several locations to sing for those who could use a little extra holiday joy.

Call Karrie Landsverk at 608-566-3936 to schedule a "Caroling Stop."

Bring a flashlight for walking safety and so you can see the song sheets. A final stop will be at the Depot Park about 5 pm where there will be a brief ceremony and the tree will be lit.

Sandwiches, soup and treats will be served after the tree lighting in the basement of the Living Gospel Church, 322 Lincoln Ave., provided by the Community Club.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Please join us for caroling and/or for lunch and community fellowship after the caroling.

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If you would like to donate: non-perishable, non-expired food donations may be dropped in the bin at Columbus Pick n Save and monetary donations may be deposited into our savings account at Farmers and Merchants Union Bank. We will also be receiving donations at the Stuff the Squad event at Columbus Pick n Save on Sunday, November 23rd and at the Holiday Train in Columbus on Wednesday, December 10th.

If you have questions, are planning a food drive, or have a large amount of food to donate, please contact Colleen @ 920-210-6266. More information about the Food Pantry is available by going to www.cityofcolumbuswi.com and clicking on Government/Departments/Community Center/Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support!

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Please join us on December 21st for a morning of music and worship as the Redeemer Senior and Handbell Choirs bring their talents to our 9:00 am service at Redeemer Lutheran Church – 610 Lincoln Avenue in Rio.

All are welcome.



NOTICE OF ELECTION
VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER

April, 7, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the Village of Fall River, Columbia County, Wisconsin, on April 7, 2026 at the Fall River Municipal Building, 641 South Main Street, with the following offices to be elected:

Present Incumbents:

Vote for Three

Trustee (2 year term) John Ninmann
Trustee (2 year term) Judith A. Robbins
Trustee (2 year term) Darren Neumann

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a village caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed offices. The Caucus will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. at the Village Hall. The regular Village Board meeting will follow the caucus.

Columbia County
Senior Dining Menu

DECEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 5, 2025

MONDAY-Chicken Ala King over a Biscuit, Broccoli & Carrots, Pineapple & Orange Fluff.
TUESDAY-Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Mixed Vegetables, Coleslaw, Garlic Toast.
WEDNESDAY-Pot Roast, Roasted Potatoes, Onions & Carrots, Chunky Applesauce, WW Roll.
THURSDAY- Pulled Pork Slider, Hot German Potato Salad, Pumpkin Bar.
FRIDAY- Beef, Bean & Rice Casserole w/Corn Chips, Garlic Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Strawberry Ice Cream.

DECEMBER 8 - DECEMBER 12, 2025

MONDAY-Beef & Lentil, Sloppy Joes on a Wheat Bun, Pickled Beets, Roasted Potatoes, Fresh Apple Slices.
TUESDAY-Grilled Chicken w/Mushroom Gravy, Brown Rice, Carrots, Tropical Fruit.
WEDNESDAY- Roast Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, California Blend Vegetables, Blushing Pears, WW Bread.
THURSDAY- Beef Cabbage Soup w/WW Crackers, Lettuce Salad w/Dressing, Banana, Bread Stick
FRIDAY- Baked Cod, Baked Potato w/Sour Cream, Mixed Vegetables, Apple Slaw, WW Roll.

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*Menu subject to change without notice.
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Notice of Rate Increase
Water Customers of the Fall River Municipal Water Utility

This is to give you notice that the Fall River Municipal Water Utility will file an application on February 4, 2026, with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC), for authority to increase water rates. Rates for general service will increase 3.0 percent. The increase is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in present rates. The request is being made under Wis. Stat. 196.193. Rate increases granted under this statute do not require a public hearing. The effect of the increase for some selected customers is shown below. Public Fire Protection and Wholesale rates (if applicable) will also increase 3.0 percent.

Customer Classification	Meter Size	Gallons	Existing Monthly Rate	Revised Monthly Rate
Average Residential	3/4	4,000	\$15.44	\$15.89
Multifamily	2	30,500	\$83.14	\$85.70
Commercial	1	19,300	\$48.87	\$50.35
Industrial	4	286,700	\$423.63	\$435.56
Public Authority	1 1/2	51,700	\$114.50	\$118.08

Fall River Municipal Water Utility anticipates that this rate increase will go into effect on April 1, 2026. If you have any questions about the rate increase request, call the Fall River Municipal Water Utility at (920) 484-3525.



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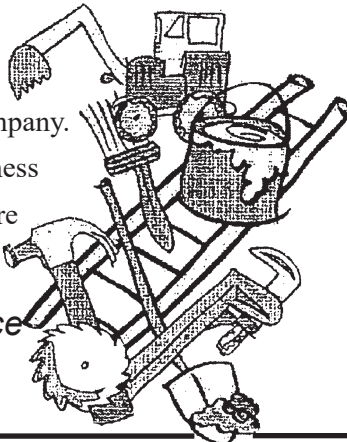
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Village of Rio
Notice of Public Budget Hearing

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Rio Village Hall, 205 Lincoln Avenue, Rio, Wisconsin, a public hearing on the 2026 General Municipal Budget of the Village Office, Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The following is a summary of the proposed budget.

GENERAL FUND	2024	2025	2025	2026	%	
	Actual	Approved	Estimate	Proposed	Change	
Revenue						
State Shared Revenue	193364.25	197679.36	197679.36	198907.25		
State hiway aid	56640.37	56297.74	56248.64	56516.52		
Personal Property Tax	3394.21	4116.53	4116.53	3696.00		
Other fed/state/county aids	78357.37	70915.78	76326.50	81634.50		
Local revenue	163935.17	106042.00	149068.00	106842.00		
From setaside funds	0.00	207082.70	18023.32	178236.13		
Utility taxes	37773.00	52825.00	40000.00	40000.00		
Tax Levy for General Fund	265049.87	157972.43	255935.43	274400.77		
Levy for Special Revenue Funds	222232.13	334272.57	236309.57	260941.23		
Total Revenue	1020746.37	1187204.11	1033707.35	1201174.40	1.18%	
Expenditures						
General Government	110377.00	149509.66	120207.57	201725.92		
Economic Development	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Public Works	269248.34	304544.00	284018.55	315625.28		
Police Protection	252358.87	250667.46	246072.43	261891.44		
Public Protection	86537.34	79476.42	80665.23	81945.53		
Education/Recreation	4881.97	6800.00	4500.00	6800.00		
Designated for specific item						
Special Revenue Funds:						
Fire Dept.appropriation	76344.00	87690.00	87690.00	83964.00		
Library	159998.00	160167.00	160167.00	172475.00		
Debt Retirement	27196.09	26636.57	26636.57	26044.23		
Capital Outlay	20459.04	121713.00	23750.00	50700.00		
Total Expenditures	1007400.65	1187204.11	1033707.35	1201171.40	1.18%	
Surplus or (deficit)	13345.72	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Assessed Value	92035200.00	92848900.00		93301200.00		
Village tax rate	5.25	5.28		5.70	7.95%	
Designated Funds:	St. Equipt	PD Equipt	Office Equip	Tennis Crts	PW safety	Streets
Est. Balance 12/31/25	\$59,500.00	\$52,393.10	\$1,090.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,080.90
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Tuesday, December 2
Varsity, JV & JV 2 @ Markesan 7:15 5:45 4:15
Thursday, December 4
JV 2 vs. Wayland 7:15 5:45 4:15
Friday, December 5
Varsity & JV vs. Green Lake 7:15 5:45
Saturday, December 6
Varsity & JV vs. Monticello 6:30 5:00
Tuesday, December 9
Varsity & JV @ Wayland 6:00 4:30
Thursday, December 11
JV @ Wayland 5:45

Rio Girls Basketball

Tuesday, December 2
Varsity vs. Marshall 6:00
Thursday, December 4
Varsity & JV @ Green Lake 7:15 5:45
Saturday, December 6
Varsity vs. Horicon 1:00
Tuesday, December 9
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Friday, December 12
Varsity & JV @ Montello 7:15 5:45
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RIO COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025, 5:00 PM
RIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board President, Carley Young. Matt Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

This meeting was properly posted in the District.

Roll Call: Carley Young, Tammy Wakeman, Beth Laufenberg, Jordan Noyes and Keith Desjarlais Also present were Superintendent Dr. Michael Lichucki; Middle/High School Principal Matt Davis; Director of Business Services Paula Glaser; Technology Coordinator/Athletic Director Jared Napralla; and Administrative Assistant Nicole Bagwell. Recognition of Visitors. There was one visitor present.

Approve Minutes from the September 15, 2025, Regular Board of Education Meeting. A motion was made by Tammy Wakeman and seconded by Keith Desjarlais to approve the September 15, 2025, regular meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

Rio Showcase - NextPath Data Warehouse. Dr. Lichucki provided a short demonstration of the NextPath system to show some of the capabilities and how it is used in the district this year. This is our first year of using the data warehouse.

Action Items

A. Bills for Payment. A motion was made by Tammy Wakeman and seconded by Jordan Noyes to approve Checks, ACH, and Wire payments from 9/1/25 - 9/30/25 totaling \$432,620.30 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

B. Human Relations

1. Resignation/Retirement -

a. Meagan Sulikowski - Assistant Softball Coach. Meagan Sulikowski has resigned her position as Assistant Softball Coach. Informational - no motion needed.

2. Hiring

a. Robert Browne, Little Bus Driver. Robert Browne has been hired as the little bus driver. Informational - no motion needed.

3. Gifts to the District

a. T-Mobile - Football Donation. A motion was made by Jordan Noyes and seconded by Keith Desjarlais to accept a grant from T-Mobile's Friday Night's Light Grant Program of \$1,000.00 to be used towards the football program, with thanks. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

b. Janet Wiersma - Volleyball Donation. A motion was made by Tammy Wakeman and seconded by Keith Desjarlais to accept a gift of \$175.00 to go towards the Rio Varsity Volleyball team to offset the entry fee cost, when Rio forfeited due to injuries on the varsity team.

Discussion/Information/Possible Action

A. 2nd Reading 8000 Policies. A motion was made by Keith Desjarlais and seconded by Jordan Noyes to acknowledge the second reading of the 8000 section of the Neola Policies with the exception of policy 8450.01. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

B. Authorize the Director of Business Services to Handle Financial Transactions with Farmers and Merchants Bank. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Jordan Noyes to authorize Paula Glaser, Director of Business Services, to perform all financial transactions, including but not limited to those with Farmers & Merchants Union Bank, the Local Government Investment Pool and PMS on behalf of the Rio Community School District, effective October 20, 2025. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

C. Resolution: Be it resolved that the Rio Community School District may be temporarily in need of funds up to the amount of \$850,000 to meet the immediate expenses of operating and maintaining the public instruction in the District for the school years of 2025-26 and 2026-27. A motion was made by Tammy Wakeman and seconded by Beth Laufenberg to accept this resolution and establish a line of credit through Farmers & Merchants Union Bank, as presented. Motion carried by a roll call vote; Young, Wakeman, Laufenberg, Noyes and Desjarlais voting yes.

D. Adopt the 2025-2026 Budget. Director of Business Services, Paula Glaser, presented the 2025-20256 budget. A motion was made by Keith Desjarlais and seconded by Tammy Wakeman to approve the budget, as presented. Motion carried by a roll call vote; Young, Wakeman, Laufenberg, Noyes and Desjarlais voting yes.

E. Set the 2025-2026 Tax Levy. Director of Business Services, Paula Glaser, presented the 2025- 2026 tax levy. A motion was made by Jordan Noyes and seconded by Tammy Wakeman to set the tax levy for the 2025-2026 school year at \$4,167,157. Motion carried by a roll call vote; Young, Wakeman, Laufenberg, Noyes and Desjarlais voting yes.

F. Annual Meeting Review. The Board discussed takeaways from the annual meeting.

G. Start College Now Applications. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Keith Desjarlais to approve the seven applications for Start College Now, as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

H. Early College Credit Program Applications. There were none.

I. Report on Third Friday Membership Count. Director of Business Services, Paula Glaser, reviewed the membership count with the Board. This was a discussion item.

J. Approve pay for substitute support staff and hourly substitute teachers. A motion was made by Keith Desjarlais and seconded by Beth Laufenberg to adjust the slate of per hour pay for substitute support staff as follows: clerical, instructional aide, and custodian to \$16 per hour and food service to \$15.25 per hour. Motion carried by a voice vote; four votes yes, Jordan Noyes abstaining.

K. Certification of Property Donation to CESA 5. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Jordan Noyes to certify the CESA 5 Board of Control's acceptance of the donation of real estate located at 3000 Minnesota Avenue, Steven's Point, WI 54481. Motion carried by a roll call vote; Young, Wakeman, Laufenberg, Noyes and Desjarlais voting yes.

L. Weight Room/Walking Track Access. This was a discussion item.

M. Selection of Special Board Meeting dates for Safety Enhancement Project. The board came to a consensus that the next special board meeting date will be Wednesday, November 12th at 6:00pm. No action will be taken at this meeting.

N. Board Initiative Prioritization. This was a review and discussion item.

O. Region 10 WASB meeting. This was a discussion item.

P. January WASB Convention. This was a discussion item. Beth Laufenberg and Dr. Michael Lichucki plan to attend the January WASB Convention.

Q. Administrative Reports.

1. Mr. Davis

a.General School Update.

- FFA Overnight Trips: A motion was made by Tammy Wakeman and seconded by Keith Desjarlais to approve the FFA Overnight trip requests, as presented and discussed. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.
- PreACT for grades 9-11 will be held on November 4th.
- October is Bullying Prevention Month
- Working on a Fab Lab grant to be submitted soon.
- Proposed Washington DC trip delayed until summer 2027 to allow for additional planning.

2. Dr. Lichucki

a. General School Update.

- Food for America Day-MS/HS students came over and provided hands-on experience for students to learn more about different aspects of farming and animals that inhabit the farm.
- Fund Run/Grandparents Day. The Fund Run and Grandparents day combined had a great turnout and went very well.
- Family Game Night will be held on Monday, November 3rd
- Veteran's Day Program- There will be a Veteran's Day assembly at both buildings on Tuesday, November 11th. The first assembly will start at 8:45am and then again at the MS/HS at 10:30am.
- WIN groups are off and running.
- Trailways Conference scheduling app & digital ticketing-The Trailways Conference has agreed to move to a different scheduling app. The program is called Bound, and we have been learning about the change.

R. Legislative Update. This was a discussion item.

S. Items for Future Agendas. This was a discussion item.

A motion was made by Tammy Wakeman and seconded by Jordan Noyes to adjourn into closed session according to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1) at 8:52 PM. Motion carried by a roll call vote: Young, Wakeman, Laufenberg, Noyes: and Desjarlais voting yes.

(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Specifically: Superintendent Quarterly Review, Middle/High School Principal Quarterly Review.

A motion was made by Keith Desjarlais and seconded by Tammy Wakeman to reconvene into open session at 9:58 PM. Motion carried by voice vote; five votes yes.

A motion was made by Tammy Wakeman and seconded by Beth Laufenberg to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 PM. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

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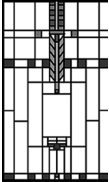
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The History of Electricity in Rio

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In 1921 Rio had electric 24 hours a day

RIO VILLAGE NOW HAS
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By: Darlene Lerum



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Friday, December 5

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Monday, December 8

Varsity & JV @ Horicon 7:15 5:45

Tuesday, December 9

Varsity & JV @ Abundant Life 6:00 7:30

Fall River Girls Basketball

Tuesday, December 2

Varsity & JV @ Columbus 7:30 6:00

Thursday, December 4

Varsity & JV @ Pardeeville 7:15 5:45

Tuesday, December 9

Varsity & JV vs. Green Lake 5:45 7:15

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