

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elected Officials
of Rio Rico Medical & Fire District held on January 29th, 2019

1. Meeting called to order by Brad Beach at 5:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Call to the public.
 - None
4. Oath for current reelected member
 - Frank Bejarano sworn in by Brad Beach
5. Roll call for board members
 - Present: Brad Beach, Michael Carlson and Mike Vohland, Frank Bejarano (arrived 5:33 p.m.)
 - Absent: Dean Davis
6. Approval of minutes for the District Meeting and the Executive Session held on December 18th, 2018.
 - Motion made to accept minutes of the District Meeting and the Executive Session held December 18, 2019 by Mike Vohland, second by Michael Carlson.
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote.
7. Fire Chief's Reports and Staff :
 - a. Call Summary –
 - Total Calls 215 Fire less than 1% EMS 87% Other 13%
 - b. Operational Reports
 - Mike Vohland thanked Chief Amezaga for the great job on the Employee Appreciation Dinner.
 - i. Equipment, vehicle, station
 - Apparatus summary given to Board.
 - Engine T520 at paint shop to be completed by month end
 - Repeater site near Gold Hill (Vista del Cielo area) with approximately 95% area coverage
 - Have been working with Gila Communications –mapping survey, interference study and secondary test on all peaks for interference. One additional test can be done, but not necessary following the first test.
 - Approximate six month time frame - presently working off of Tubac
 - Mike Vohland recommends second test; get it done; tap into power; input investment with right equipment, building permits, FCC licensing and temperature controlled building. Requested costs of a complete upgraded package.
 - HAM radio towers available for use
 - ii. Training
 - Captain Certification course being attended by Captain Green, Captain Carrillo and Firefighter/CEP Manjarrez. Will be completed mid February
 - HazMat Technician training at Golder Ranch being attended by Jeff Little, Jorge Hernandez and Charles Bradley. Will be completed February 22, 2019.
 - Technical Rescue Training being attended by Nick Quiroga. Training consists of Ropes 1, 2, 3; confined space; EBSS Structural Collapse; Trench Rescue; Swift Water Rescue, Machinery rescue and vehicle extrication. 200 hours of training – large scale goal to get all departments on the same page with color coding and phone apps
 - Paramedic Certification Classes being attended by Oscar Berrellez. This is an eleven month program
 - Driver Operator Position – testing process to fill 9 positions
 - Driver/Engineer Training – testing process to select 3 individuals to attend three month course (April 15th through July 16th) offered by Tucson Fire in conjunction with PCC – no cost to district due to PCC affiliation
 - RRMFD Company Officer Development Course – Program to help educate firefighters on transitioning and testing for the Captain role
 - Live Fire Propane Drill with Night Drill – Coverage by Tucson news stations, Nogales newspaper and YouTube link

- Veggies, Inc. with help from RRMFD personnel and others, packed 200,000 pounds of fresh produce donated by Mexican growers into 3,250 care packages for distribution to government employees in Nogales, Tucson and Phoenix affected by the shutdown
 - AFDA Conference attended by Chief Amezaga and Michael Carlson
 - iii. Personnel
 - Employee Recognition Dinner honored Mark Gerbert and Oscar Berrellez as Firefighters of the year and Jose Trevino as EMS provider of the year. Individual and group citations also awarded. Would like to make this an annual event.
 - Tangye Beckham will be traveling to Maryland, February 19th, to attend EMS Today conference and receive one of ten EMS Innovator of the Year awards
 - iv. Legislative Update
 - Maricopa is requesting a change to the CON (911 and facilities) for profit in an attempt to open up market. Nothing going on at this time; however, being mentioned as this may have a financial impact to our district. AMR started, became the monopoly and has given area to fire departments to handle 911 calls
 - v. Chief and Labor discussions
 - Did not meet this month.
 - Board asked about morale – Chris Cruz says the morale is really good, the firefighters are happy, due to shift change and training opportunities. He attended a legislative conference (highlight - fix the PSPRS system and take pressure off districts)
 - c. EMS – Report presented by Tangye Beckham
 - Training/Classes offered by Base Hospital; PALS class taught, Pharmacology review for diabetic patients; EMS Pediatric Conference being attended in Phoenix
 - RRMFD will be hosting a pediatric conference with LifeNet
 - Northwest Hospital is building a hospital of Sahuarita Road
 - Tangye Beckham was a featured speaker at the EMS on the Border Conference
 - d. Fire Marshall – Report presented by George Cluff
 - i. Inspections and Plans
 - NFIRS checked and uploaded through December, 2018
 - Nora Warehouse – final inspection
 - Solar panels – 7 yrs on warehouses, 20 years homes to reap benefits of solar
 - Water line review for Love’s
 - ii. Community Events
8. Administrative Report:
- a. Monthly Financials. Reports presented by Ana Holman
 - Bank account - operational – very good
9. Old Business:
10. New Business:
- a. Discussion and possible action to approve monthly financial reports.
 - Motion to accept monthly financial reports made by Mike Vohland, second by Michael Carlson.
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
 - b. Discussion regarding audit recommendation to change financial institution to a local bank.
 - Presently with Bank of America – no local branches.
 - Chase giving us a really good option, low fees and credit cards with points
 - Motion to change financial institution to Chase Bank made by Michael Carlson, second by Mike Vohland
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
 - c. Discussion regarding format of minutes -
 - Michael Carlson made a recommendation to change format of minutes using bullet points for personal ease of reading
 - Motion to change format of minutes as recommended by Frank Bejarano, second by Michael Carlson.
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote

- d. Discussion and possible action regarding stabilization and structural study for Station 3
 - At the December 18, 2018 meeting, Dean Davis recommended Alex Kory for the study. This began with the estimates for resealing concrete floors at which time we were told, until we know the cracks were stabilized, it wouldn't be to our best interest to fix at present time.
 - Structural issues go back to the contractor
 - Mike Vohland offered to contact Larry Harvey, engineer, for him to come and review, with the initial review free of charge, to give us an idea of what our next steps should be.
 - e. Possible Executive Session – The Fire Board may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(7) for discussion or consultation for the purchase, sale or lease of real property.
 - i. Notice: Executive sessions are confidential pursuant A.R.S. section 38-431.03(C).
 - ii. Notice: No action is taken during an executive session. Any action taken by the Board will take place during an open meeting.
 - f. Possible Executive Session – The Fire Board may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney for the District
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 - ii. Notice: No action is taken during an executive session. Any action taken by the Board will take place during an open meeting.
 - Motion to enter Executive Session for both agenda items 10. e and 10. f made by Mike Vohland, second by Michael Carlson. Entered Executive Session at 6:54 p.m.
 - Returned from Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.
 - Motion to approve \$104,774 (amended to up to \$110,000) for purchase of 2.9 acres south of Station 1 (amended to 1190 Pendleton Drive) limited to closing costs and associated fees not including the purchase price made by Mike Vohland, second by Michael Carlson
 - Motion passed unanimously
 - g. Michael Carlson spoke briefly of the AFDA conference he attended to fulfill his Statutory Training requirements, which he felt was very informative
 - h. Chief Amezaga informed the Board of a meeting scheduled with Nextrio, current provider of phone service and IT services.
11. Upcoming meeting discussion: Next meeting February 26, 2019
12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Mike Vohland, second by Michael Carlson. Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Rio Rico Medical & Fire District Elected Official

Dr. Frank Bejarano, Clerk of the Board