



MEETING MINUTES

The Fire Board of the Rio Rico Medical and Fire District (RRMFD) met in regular session on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at Rio Rico Medical and Fire District administrative office, 822 Pendleton Drive, Rio Rico, AZ.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
 - Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Dora Urias
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS
 - Present: Brad Beach, Frank Bejarano, Michael Carlson, Hank Thysell and Dora Urias
4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC
 - None
5. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Approval of minutes
 - i. Regular Session of March 27, 2024
 - Motion to approve the minutes of the regular session of March 27, 2024 made by Michael Carlson, second by Hank Thysell
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: The governing body may propose, discuss, deliberate, or take legal action on this matter unless that specific matter is identified on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as a result of a report will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.
 - a. Correspondence
 - Roommate of 1165 Avenida Leon dropped pastries at Station 1 thanking us for the service and care provided
 - b. Fire Chief's Report
 - Fire Chief power point report presented by Chief Adam Amezaga. Copy of report on file and posted on the District website
 - i. Emergency calls summary
 - ii. Operational
 1. Equipment, vehicle, station
 2. Training
 3. Operations
 4. Personnel
 - c. Fire Marshal Report
 - Fire Marshal power point report presented by Fire Marshal George Cluff. Copy of report on file and posted on the District website
 - Tanker issues were addressed by the county with a cease and desist notice

- County behind on codes (currently using 2012) hoping to be updated by May. RRMFD using 2020 codes but will be updating to 2024
 - Station 1 generator installation-bollards being built, electric will require two transfer stations and the area has been blue staked for trenching
- d. Fire Board Member Report
- Michael Carlson attended and presented “Financial Wellness” at the Southern Arizona First Responder Health and Wellness Day. Event was successful with just under 400 attendees Including Fire Districts, FBI, Board Patrol and Law Enforcement
 - Brad Beach noted Rio Rico news: RRHS students Ariana Villaescusa and Sophia Renteria excelled in their sports
 - Hank Thysell stuck in traffic from serious accident on April 20th; one ejected and one fatality
- e. Financial Report
- i. Presentation of Financial Reports up to March 2024
- Financial Reports presented by Ana Holman
 - RRRMFD Election timelines reviewed
 - AZDHS granted RRMFD request for the Ambulance Automatic Adjustment of Rate and Charges – 1.7% increase effective April 16, 2024
 - AFDA conference July 15th through 19th

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion, update and possible action re: Sale of easement rights of .07 acres per Exhibit A legal description of property adjacent to Pendleton Dr., Station 3 to Unisource (TEP)
- i. This is a continuation of previous discussion related to sale of easement rights of .07 acres adjacent to Pendleton Dr., Station 3 to Unisource (TEP)
- Discussion regarding previous questions answered by TEP regarding leasing, eminent domain, counteroffer value. Chief Amezaga noted on the path near Station 1 there is an area similar to the easement requested – noise level is minimal and there is no interference with communications equipment. Legal says it would cost more to fight the issue than the value of easement.
 - Motion to counter the \$948 offer to a new amount of \$5,000 from Unisource Energy Services made by Brad Beach, second by Frank Bejarano. Following discussion motion amended. Motion to provide a counteroffer of \$5,000 to Unisource for the rights for the easement they are asking and at the same time provide Chief Amezaga the authority to negotiate that \$5,000 somewhere between it and \$948 offer made by Michael Carlson, second by Brad Beach
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
- b. Discussion, review and update re: Consolidation of NSFD and RRMFD
- i. This is a continuation of previous discussion related to the consolidation of NSFD and RRMFD
- Chief Amezaga note both Boards have agreed to move forward, however, he would like to wait as we have submitted a grant for a set of new washer/dryer (to be awarded September-October)
 - Have spoken with John Flynn to be the consultant through the consolidation. He will be responsible for legalities, postings, guidance and meetings with residents. Would like NSFD to use their contingency fund to pay for the consultant fees
 - Michael Carlson asked how much we could start working on today, provided NSFD agrees to use their contingency funds, without stepping beyond grant concern. Feels we should get the

ball rolling as quickly as possible without creating issues.

- Frank Bejarano questioned if NSFD Board would be absorbed; consolidation would dismantle the NSFD Board

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action re: Approval of financial reports for March 2024.
 - Motion to approve the financial reports from March 2024 made by Brad Beach, second by Michael Carlson
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
- b. Discussion and possible action re: Wrapping of 2005 Ford Pickup per proposal to be paid from the Capital Replacement funds
 - Chief Amezaga noted original thought was to have vehicle painted but cost was high. Wrapping was the cheaper alternative – wrap \$1,300, graphics \$700
 - Motion to authorize \$2,000 to have Frank's truck wrapped, \$1,300 for the wrap, \$700 for graphics made by Michael Carlson, second by Frank Bejarano
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
- c. Discussion and possible action re: Approval and adoption of amended PSPRS Pension Funding Policy
 - Ana Holman noted the only change is that RRMFD is funded at 96.9%, assets went up and the liability was reduced
 - Motion to approve the amended pension funding policy for PSPRS made by Michael Carlson, second by Brad Beach
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
- d. Discussion and possible action re: Approval of Resolution 2024-01 for Call of Election for Vacancies on the Fire Board
 - Motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 for Call of Election for Vacancies on the Fire Board made by Frank Bejarano, second by Michael Carlson
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
- e. Discussion and possible action re: Approval of Notice of Call of Election publication
 - Ana Holman noted this is the actual publication to be sent to the Nogales International
 - Motion to approve Notice of Call of Election publication made by Frank Bejarano, second by Michael Carlson
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote

9. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Next Board Meeting May 29, 2024 5:30 p.m.
 - Happy Birthday to Hank Thysell May 3rd
 - Union Spring Fling Family Event May 4th at Calabasas Park. District sponsored 11-1 After 1 Union Event.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. by Dora Urias

Dated this 29TH day of MAY, 2024.

Rio Rico Medical & Fire District Elected Official

Hank Thysell,



Clerk of the Board