



Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Elected Officials of Rio Rico Medical & Fire District  
held on October 20th, 2020, Station #3, 822 Pendleton Dr., Rio Rico, AZ

To comply with Governor's social distancing guidelines  
this meeting was closed to the public and held remotely.

1. Call meeting to order
  - Note: meeting is being recorded
  - Meeting called to order by Michael Carlson at 4:31 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Call to the Public
  - None
4. Roll call for board members
  - Present remotely: Brad Beach, Frank Bejarano, Michael Carlson, Dean Davis and Mike Vohland
5. New Business:
  - a. Update, review, discussion and possible action of John Flynn's study regarding the RRMFD and NSFD Merger/Consolidation
    - John Flynn of PolicyLogic LLC joined the meeting remotely
    - Chief Amezaga thanked the Board members for making the time to review the study and to participate in the special meeting. Noted Chief Parra of NSFD has joined the session
    - John Flynn compiled a consolidation assessment which was previously distributed to Board members for their review. Power point presentation presented by John Flynn with some key items, finances and conclusions. General project objectives included assessing consolidation viability; due diligence with respect to ID administrative, financial and operational factors; addressing elected official's fiduciary responsibilities and informed decision making. Report broken down into four sections.
    - **Section 1 General Conditions** – Summary observations of each community and fire districts to identify what the community is comprised of, fire risk profiles, types of resources of each district to address profiles. RRMFD has ongoing residential and commercial development; strong property value appreciation with a stronger position in the commercial area-most districts are residential, strong ISO rating and has fee based ambulance services as a non-tax-based revenue source. NSFD has limited property development and value appreciation; low density of developed taxable parcels - 1/8 size of RRMFD, ability to deliver services impeded by past municipal annexations chipping away at property tax base and Fire & EMS resources are limited – has some challenges
    - **Section 2 – Financial & Economic Assessment** - RRMFD development and strong value appreciation support ongoing operational improvements and programs; available tax capacity/financial reserves, pension funded at 97% - better than most rural departments and sound financial management and financial policy. RRMFD head and shoulders above other districts – has a strong financial position. NSFD is at the maximum tax levy and rate with no available tax capacity; limited ability to generate funds necessary to support operations, limited non-tax-based revenue options and municipal annexations pose an ongoing threat to operational viability. NSFD needs development and to hold off any annexation attempts from the City of Nogales. Graphs/spreadsheets shown of 5-year tax levy, projected revenue and expenditures; numerous reports specific to pandemic, property values, demand for warehouses and housing. When values come out in February, will redo spreadsheets out to year 2025 to see what viable options there may be.

- Michael Carlson referenced NSFD low density and development of taxable parcels asking what development/growth NSFD has had in the past two years. John Flynn answered we would need to approach Santa Cruz County and look at building permits issued. Michael Carlson noted the impact of previous annexations and asked what happens if annexations were to cause the district to become unable to continue. John Flynn commented annexation which completely strips the district of funding to support any services, the district would exist on paper only for the parcels left. Michael Carlson asked what happens to their citizens; John Flynn stated they would seek services elsewhere; although their EMS service would be provided by RRMFD, they would need to depend on the generosity of their neighbors for fire service. Michael Carlson mentioned John Flynn's comment that one of the strengths of RRMFD are the warehouses; given the warehouses provide economic strength for RRMFD, would that cause the City of Nogales to become more interested in annexation and would the warehouses give the same benefit to the City as they do to us. John Flynn stated in some ways, yes they would. In his report there are some examples with annexation; one being the area from RRMFD and NSFD boundary north to Ruby Road to the truck stop would create a loss of \$5 million in limited property value. Michael Carlson noted he understands the negative impact for RRMFD in property tax revenue, but understands the City of Nogales does not benefit from property tax revenue, they benefit from sales tax revenue. Do the warehouses provide the City a sales tax revenue. Ana Holman stated they are distributors and don't charge sales tax as they don't sell to the final consumer. Mike Vohland noted they are wholesalers and don't pay sales tax. Michael Carlson asked Mike Vohland, based on his experience with the warehouse group, what value does the city receive from your warehouse if they were to annex that area. Mike Vohland stated they would get the taxes just as Rio Rico would, they would go and get from Wendy's and Pilot the property taxes and sales taxes. George Cluff also noted the City wants the fuel tax from Pilot. Michael Carlson was not aware the City of Nogales collected property tax and wanted to clarify the impact/value of the warehouses. John Flynn clarified the City of Nogales would get the value of the property taxes they levy on the rest of their folks not the value that Rio Rico was receiving. Annexation would extinguish the RRMFD tax from their billings and the value of the warehouses would add to the City's bond capacity.
- Section 3 Consolidation Process** - Provides guidance for consolidation per statute, addresses specific statutory benchmarks and provides advisory information to facilitate the consolidation process.
- Section 4 – Findings/Conclusions:** -

COVID 19 induced economic conditions will impact both districts of which the full extent is uncertain.

Property value appreciation and growth are projected to slow beginning FY 2022

A consolidation of NSFD into RRMFD is viable and would improve the efficiency of fire and EMS delivery.

Creates additional financial and operational risks for both districts. RRMFD would be assuming the totality of the risk in consolidation with limited unused tax capacity.

Both RRMFD and NSFD are financially stable (FY21) NSFD is less resilient to financial Volatility.

NSFD provides the maximum amount of financial resources available by law. Funding is insufficient to adequately fund for fire or EMS risk attributable to tax limitations, loss of land area to past annexations and sparse housing density throughout the district.

Projected costs savings attributable to the consolidation (admin, support, overhead) along with current NSFD payroll is insufficient to fund a minimum of two FTE RRMFD firefighters on a 24 hour/365-day basis and associated operating costs (total of 6 FTE firefighters required).

Future services to the NSFD area, whether consolidated, IGA or independent, will continue on a part-time combination model due to funding limitations.

NSFD is at risk for continued municipal annexation. Any property value loss will be challenging for the district to absorb causing reduced funding for already limited service. If consolidated, loss of land area in the former NSFD would negatively impact RRMFD's financial capacity to deliver services.

RRMFD's risk to municipal annexation is more limited due to geographic location and financial resiliency but remains a concern. Given current economic conditions, associated uncertainty and increased financial risk, a consolidation at this point would not improve the financial stability and sustainability of both districts.

Noted by John Flynn, a couple of steps have been missed by the City of Nogales for the annexation process and he believes it would be easily put down and expires next month. Believes at some point City of Nogales will pursue annexation and continue to chip away at NSFD's area; RRMFD annexation risk is more limited due to geographic location, but as Mr. Carlson said, as they start chipping away at the warehouses on the I19 corridor, that's a tough deal for RRMFD – would be a huge loss. Beneficial for the businesses in that area to stay in the county and not have another tax – Mike Vohland stated they already are involved.

A near term consolidation of NSFD into RRMFD is not advisable. In a pre-Covid19 economic environment financial risk would be considerably muted, and consolidation would be viable.

Future economic uncertainty makes preserving all current revenue sources and the avoidance of unnecessary financial risk as essential.

FY22 levy limit work sheets (issued February 10, 2021) will provide key information necessary to determine whether consolidation is viable for consideration.

If economic conditions were to warrant consolidation, it should be completed after July 1, 2021 to provide maximum allowable revenue from the NSFD service area for FY22.

Future year considerations for consolidation should follow this same schedule.

An alternative strategy which would functionally consolidate the management and operations of the two districts is a viable option. An intergovernmental agreement (IGA) can be used to allow the NSFD Governing Board to contract for management and response services from RRMFD. The two Districts would stand alone – NSFD would still have their Board, hold their meetings and assess their taxes, but would pay, through an IGA, RRMFD to manage and operate their fire district. They would have no employees, just the board, someone to balance their books, an auditor and write RRMFD a check a couple times a year and RRMFD would manage and operate their district. It would be as if the districts were consolidated but with minimal risk for RRMFD. This would eliminate the current financial risk associated with consolidation for RRMFD. This is a common strategy used by many districts, especially when financial disparities or risk may otherwise make consolidation less advantageous. At a later date, it may be viable to reconsider consolidation.

- Frank Bejarano asked if we were to absorb NSFD employees and they are currently not paying in to the retirement system, we would be required to pay into that and what about the maintenance on the vehicles -would we be responsible for that as well? John Flynn responded that would all be outlined in the IGA which would allow for a wide variety of items to do or not do; you can absorb their employees or not; do the vehicle maintenance and have them pay RRMFD for the maintenance– depends on what is in the IGA. NSFD is not in PSPRS and their employees would be part time employees with RRMFD and not eligible to participate in PSPRS. Frank Bejarano thought we were looking at this to improve the quality of service provided to the community, with part time employees, we would not be achieving that. Mike Vohland stated RRMFD would be making them (the area) financially stable. Chief Amezaga noted NSFD employees would be coming in as reserves just as our reserves, working a 24 hour shift, that would be the capacity they would be operating under. Mike Vohland stated, in his personal opinion, this would be a break even deal at best, even under an IGA. Frank Bejarano stated the way John Flynn is describing this, it would put RRMFD at risk under a consolidation – Mike Vohland clarified it would be a risk with consolidation, not so under an IGA. John Flynn stated NSFD does not generate enough money for RRMFD to absorb their employees full time. Mike Vohland asked how many hours are NSFD employees working? Chief Parra of NSFD noted the employees are currently working approximately 110 hours bi-weekly depending on number of personnel.
- Mike Vohland requested Chief Parra's opinion on what he would like to see done. Chief Parra commented, from listening to the discussion, it seems consolidation right now would not necessarily be a risk, but hard to do with COVID 19 and possible annexation down the road; this would be up to the board to decide on this, but feels the IGA would be workable for both districts and possibly come up with an agreement to pay RRMFD to help NSFD; feels that would be a good option
- Michael Carlson thanked John Flynn for the work he has done, very well put together, very comprehensive and clearly laid out for those novices with the fire department.
- Michael Carlson requested he would like the board members' and attendees' views and comments and possibly what they may see as the next steps.

- Brad Beach would prefer to go forward with an IGA and go step by step and see which services RRMFD can apply and which ones NSFD would keep (vehicle maintenance); would like to hear from the firefighters, both NSFD and RRMFD on their thoughts.  
Chief Amezaga has spoken with labor and as noted earlier, EMS wise RRMFD is doing 100% of NSFD's calls. Whether we do an IGA or consolidation, RRMFD will continue to provide EMS services. Suggestions from some of the firefighters included question of why RRMFD didn't have an ambulance and personnel at NSFD Station 1 on Highway 82. An IGA would allow us to man the station and provide better response time, care and transport. On the fire end, Chief Amezaga has not heard of any firefighter who doesn't want to respond to a fire and under mutual aid with NSFD we help out but have changed some of our tactic; arrive and help with the stop loss and allow NSFD to finish up with the overhaul. None of the firefighters have said no rather, they are somewhat excited. Chief Parra commented whenever NSFD responds with RRMFD personnel, they have good harmony, work well together; the few people he has will be happy being reserves and having a job with possible future of becoming full time employees down the road.
- Frank Bejarano concurs with Brad that consolidation is not feasible at this time and an IGA would strengthen the bond we already have and will work in both our favors in providing services we are already providing.
- Dean Davis concurs as well but sees a challenge with an IGA is if our services can be provided for less than what NSFD is currently paying, RRMFD needs to be profitable going forward. Currently there is a mutual aid agreement, citizens are safe and protected and we'll be there if there's an issue, practical logic moving forward with an agreement or consolidation, what does RRMFD get out of it; knows there are some long-range plans to get RRMFD out to Lake Patagonia, what are we gaining-needs clarification. Michael Carlson commented that would be part of the outcome of the IGA and exactly what would be consolidated and what we do. Chief Amezaga stated part of the AFDA stance with discussion of consolidation merging is to try and improve services. Throughout the state there are many districts struggling financially to provide services. It is an AFDA stance that neighboring departments try to team up to improve services; while looking on paper there isn't a lot of opportunity due to NSFD's financial position, it's the working to strengthen the 911 services deliverable to the area and coming together to work on. John Flynn stated we tend to look at shared services as a benefit to all communities to more collectively work together so that it is not creating a financial hardship on one organization more than another and by putting organizations together overall, it improves the services available to all communities involved.
- Mike Vohland addressed Chief Parra stating he started his fire career in a fire departed slightly larger than his and it was ripped to shreds under annexation by two big cities going after our territory and it's very difficult on the personnel – it's a tough gig. I believe Frank Bejarano asked what happens to the firefighters, my understanding is provided they fall under NFPA compliance RRMFD is going to absorb them as part time people and allow them to test when full time positions become available. Consolidation – there is no way I would put our community at a consolidation effort with NSFD right now-it's way too risky. Eventually, Nogales City, if it doesn't die off first from lack of funding from Nogales, Sonora, will have to, for its mere survival, resort to annexation to the north. It has no choice, it's landlocked, it's not going have tax revenue or ever see the tax revenue it saw before, so it has no choice for the survival of the city to eventually start its annexation going further north for the agricultural warehouses. The agriculture warehouse owners are ready for it-we don't want Nogales city to annex us; if they want to grab Pilot, go for it, but the agriculture warehouse owners are ready if they try to go further north. Improved services is what it's all about. IGA will allow us to continue, we already provide the services, even on fire services we go in to assist Chief Parra's team if they're there first they go in and once done, they can go in and do clean up. No way I would vote to put the community in risk to go into a consolidation effort now or even into the future.
- Michael Carlson agrees completely with Mike Vohland. Future effort by City of Nogales to push for annexation is inevitable, their survival is very dependent upon that unless there is a radical change. Is very much in favor of investigating the opportunities with an IGA. Not knowing what the process is with an IGA is that Mr. Flynn talked about if we enter an IGA and if at some point in the future we saw that it didn't work, we don't have to continue the IGA under whatever the contractual conditions

on the document may be. The concern I would have entering an IGA at least for the first year, is that we form it in such a way that if we choose to not continue that we do not leave NSFD in a worse position than they are today other than possibly the Fire Chief retires and I think Chief Parra has already mentioned that might happen. I think it's important that as we take the first year of the IGA to really investigate other opportunities, we are very careful that we don't cause a hinderance to unwind the potential contract; that's pretty much all I would caution us to do. Chief, at this point before we make any suggestions or anything, if we were to move forward, what are our next steps. Chief Amezaga commented in his discussions with John, we would need to have another meeting and before we even went down that path, the Board needs to have more discussion of what path they want to take, what they are comfortable in taking. Would like to open up the floor to some of the other administrative employees to see if they have any questions or concerns, one at a time.

- Richard Johnson asked about a shortfall amount in providing services, do we know how much that is? We can't do 6 employees; could we do 4, 5 or 3 employees, do you happen to know. John Flynn stated he did not have that specifically but could calculate that up for you. Richard Johnson asked if we were to continue the services, was it taken into account that if we were to consolidate, that we would end up basically closing the Old Tucson Road Station 2 therefore eliminating some of the overhead costs associated with keeping the lights and water on and paying the rent at that station. Was that added into the shortfall that would be there. John Flynn stated he did not drill that far down into the details, basically I took NSFD's overall revenue amounts specific to direct property tax revenues and looked at that specifically to see if that would support a RRMFD firefighter paramedic on 24 hours 7 days a week. Just not enough there to make it viable, even if you closed one of the stations, at least on a full time basis. Richard Johnson asked, typically when an IGA goes in, would NSFD firefighters maintain the name Nogales Suburban or does it become Rio Rico Fire District on the front of the station on Highway 82? John Flynn stated that would be determined by all the components of the IGA. You could have it either way, it would depend on the Board and staff. Richard Johnson agrees that right now, the IGA seems to be the best option for Rio Rico and for you as the Board considering the financial responsibilities of the District as your primary responsibility. With the talk of Nogales coming north an annexing, as Mr. Vohland and others have said, it's not a matter of if but of when, I am questioning whether or not the consolidation with NSFD to put ourselves in a position to have our foothold in the Kino Springs and Patagonia Lake Estates, covering the airport area, would then strengthen RRMFD for a future point because we would have something. If Nogales comes up from Ruby south or even if they were able to overwhelm the agricultural group that Mr. Vohland's part of and even get a little bit north of that, RRMFD would become of a very weak and small district. If we potentially look at the possibility of growth and home values coming into Kino Springs and Patagonia Lake Estates as a potential for increasing the overall property value, that may be a strong point to be 10-12 years down the road as those areas have developed with multi hundred thousand-dollar homes increasing the property values. The firefighters, as the Chief has said, are interested in what's going on, are certainly supportive of it and looking to hope for some sort of a resolution that works out. I would agree with Chief Parra, the firefighters I have talked to agree that the NSFD personnel are very cooperative and always willing to help out. I don't see this being one with hostility between the crew members that were being absorbed and our guys going over there and working in that area. Michael Carlson noted his comment with respect to consolidation and the position it puts us in the future is something that we definitely need to give thought and consideration to in the appropriate level of discussion.
- Eva Barreda stated basically questions have been addressed; agrees consolidation is not an option at this point, IGA should be what is considered
- George Cluff asked if we do the IGA, will we enforce fire codes, inspections, etc. Chief Amezaga Responded NSFD does not have a universal fire code, even under the IGA we could not enforce the fire codes RRMFD had adopted. John Flynn stated the only code RRMFD could enforce would be the state fire code. NSFD could adopt RRMFD's fire code to be enforced through the IGA.
- Ruth Hardwick's department is for the ambulance billing and as RRMFD is already doing that, so with an IGA or consolidation it won't affect her department. It would affect application updates for Medicare. Okay with whatever is decided.



- Ana Holman commented what she is hearing is we are already providing the service to the NSFD area so as far as the expenses of equipment to provide services to that area, we have that. Would be interested in reviewing the payroll area as RRMFD will be covering and managing. Going into the IGA would like to see more financial detail for the budget within NSFD information. Agrees with Chief Johnson if we are already providing the service, can improve the service and gain some area from the taxes although they are not that high at this point, we are already providing the services and if we can do it more formally, I would like to just see the financials more in to detail before moving anything. If there is a committee, I would be willing to be part of that to check on that. I am in favor of moving forward with an IGA.
- Frank Granados questioned does the IGA give RRMFD any strength to ward off any efforts by Nogales Fire Department for annexation. Chief Amezaga commented it would not be the fire department it would be the City that would be annexing. Frank Granados read in the report some information regarding the consolidation strengthening RRMFD position. Dean Davis and Mike Vohland commented they didn't believe it would. John Flynn stated in his report there was a section that suggested whether we consolidate or do an IGA or the Districts remain independent, both NSFD and RRMFD should have a co-strategy for fighting annexation as it will impact both districts. Mike Vohland asked Mr. Flynn, they do have to get 50% of the people in favor of annexation regardless? John Flynn stated it was 50%; Mike Vohland commented 50% plus one of property owners approval, they can't just annex. John Flynn commented the annexation process for the cities operates really like it does for the fire districts. For fire districts, you have to get petitions of 50% plus one of property owners and 50% plus one of property value, do the notices, postings and public notices. Michael Carlson said, getting back to Frank's point, if we were to move forward with an IGA, it is my understanding we can do certain publications or communications with the public to strengthen their view of non annexation. We can go out with strong supporting issues or versions as to why it would not be to the customers' best interest, just as the City would go out to support why it would be in their best interest to support it, correct? John Flynn replied "yes".
- Frank Bejarano asked John Flynn, if annexation does occur what is the responsibility of the City of Nogales to provide services to the annexed areas? John Flynn replied they don't have any. They can annex as much property as they want, and there really is nothing that says if you annex that property you have to provide X level of service. The frightening part, if you live in the areas that are being annexed, my understanding is they're pretty short on services now for the areas inside the city limits and they're looking to annexations to bring more money in to help offset what they're providing now, so, I don't know how they would be able to provide additional services. So, they would be annexing that property and there wouldn't be any additional services. Frank Bejarano asked what would be the responsibility of RRMFD at that point? John Flynn replied RRMFD wouldn't have any responsibility after the first of the following year. So if the annexation was complete in February, the next July 1<sup>st</sup>, none of the areas that were annexed would be in the fire district anymore and you wouldn't collect the funds for those, the tax funds associated with those properties. Frank Bejarano asked so would they be responsible for the infrastructure of the area or not? John Flynn asked, of the newly annexed area, they would have the responsibility for it but there is nothing in the law that compels them to have to provide anything. They get the property and whatever comes with it and then it's up to council on how they want to provide services. Frank Bejarano stated he is trying look for points why anyone would want to be annexed and not have any services provided to them or guaranteed to them. One more question, but this is for Chief Parra. They are talking about having a shift on Highway 82; don't we already have a shift at the airport that it covers 24/7? Chief Parra responded they don't have anything out there except a small water truck that they use, which is, how they've been able to get away with it all these years I don't know, but because we are part of the county, we have responded out there the past 20 years. The airport is about a mile outside of NSFD's district, but we still go out there.
- Frank Granados asked about the \$5,000 currently being paid by NSFD for the lease of the stations; would that change if RRMFD combines with the property owners-oh RRMFD is here now so we will charge you \$20,000 a year for these buildings. Chief Parra responded it could change with the IGA. Frank Granados also asked if NSFD's current firefighters/reserves, do they have to meet the standards

that our current reserves have to meet as far as Firefighter I and II, hazmat, wildland? Chief Amezaga stated they would have to have their Firefighter I and II, hazmat and wildland and they would have to also be certified as EMTs and they would also be given the opportunity to go through the process to pass the physical agility test as well. Chief Parra stated they have those requirements at this time. Frank Granados mentioned in regards to the report, we are referenced as Rio Rico Fire, did we drop medical or will it be added in future reports. Chief Amezaga stated Rio Rico Fire is our legal name, Rio Rico Medical District is our dba name. On page 8 and 9 as far as services provided by us, hazmat was missing and on page 10 as far as equipment, our Type 3 wasn't listed either.

- Chief Parra added, for the Kino Springs area there's a very possible future development out this way; people out trying to buy property out this way as well as Lake Patagonia Estates. There is area to the east that can develop and add on to the district. Michael Carlson stated this is of importance to us as to what the opportunities are for development of the area.  
Chief Parra asked Chief Amezaga, if you decide to go with the IGA, how soon would that be put together or drawn up? Chief Amezaga stated he had spoken with John Flynn regarding this and felt it could be ready the first of the year. John Flynn stated it depends on how quickly the Board wants to move forward on it. As opposed to reinventing the wheel so to speak, I would get a couple of IGA's that operate the same way, even if they are between a municipality and a district together, where one is contracted for services with the other, and provide to RRMFD for you to look through and look at all the component parts and see what specifically appeals to you on what you want to do or what you don't want to do; and then between the Chief, myself and your attorney, Jeff Matura, we could draft something up together.
- Mike Vohland stated to Michael Carlson, he would like to put this to a vote if he believes that it is appropriate in this special meeting, that the Board would allow him to go ahead to get those IGAs to give us to review so that we are ready. Because, if I am understanding that Chief Parra, I believe he's interested in retirement after 30 some odd years in the fire service, I have no idea why he wants to do that. I would like to be ready at all costs should this Board decide to go with an IGA that we at least have that information available to us.
- Michael Carlson agreed it is very appropriate but asked before he makes the motion though, Chief Amezaga and Mr. Flynn, if this Board were to vote and agrees to move forward with discussion surrounding an IGA, the process to do that, does that require the NSFD Board to initiate that with us or do we do it. In the document Mr. Flynn, you wrote the process for consolidation but didn't really articulate a process for an IGA. John Flynn commented RRMFD could start that process, it would take the NSFD Board to review it and vote on it just as it would RRMFD to vote on it, but the IGA process is all on the RRMFD side. Michael Carlson asked Chief Amezaga if he was prepared to move forward with whatever processing is necessary to begin work on putting together an IGA as Mr. Vohland has articulated. Chief Amezaga requested permission to set up a committee with two Board members to assist me with this as I think it's important as it is a Board action item; have two Board members, I could start to work with John to start getting some of the contracts together to look at and once we kind of get that situated, then forming the committee like we have done for the budget committee and so forth. Sitting down and having two Board members to be there with me to review it and give me input and then submit it to the rest of the Board. Michael Carlson asked Mr. Vohland if that was acceptable to him. Mike Vohland stated his concern for both chiefs in that we are under a time constraint here; we have about 75 days to get this done and I think we can get it done without any issue as long as the Board, we know into the holidays, we are going to have ask the Board to maybe jump on another special meeting or two so that we can iron things out. I would be more than happy to assist the NSFD Board with working through this process as I have worked with them already as has Mr. Carlson and Chief Amezaga. So more than fine with me as long as everyone understands that were under a time constraint here. Chief Parra commented that he was going to add on, that in his case, to set up this IGA as soon as possible as it is very important for their area and District. They have their Board meeting November 12, 2020. Mike Vohland stated we would have to have something sooner than that, Chief. Chief Parra said any time as soon as we can to get this thing going. Mike Vohland stated he would leave it to the Chairman's hands on which direction he wishes to go. The sooner that we can get Mr. Flynn, in my personal opinion and not put this to a

motion, at least some samples of an IGA to give the Board members the sooner they could look at them. If we need to reconvene this Board we can get with the chairman and he can make that happen or we can get with Chief Parra and convene their Board, the sooner the better. Chief Parra agreed.

- Michael Carlson asked Mr. Vohland if he would like to make a motion such as what you just described. Mike Vohland commented, yes, as soon as I remember it; refresh my memory Mr. Chairman, I apologize. Michael Carlson stated I think we are looking for a motion that asks Chief Amezaga to begin the process necessary to initiate an IGA with all due speed. If he deems it necessary to pull together a committee he has the authority to do identify that. Our Board members, I haven't heard any dissent with respect to being available for future special meetings as required. Mike Vohland interrupted Michael Carlson with a point of order asking if he would like to go ahead and use that as the motion, you stated it perfectly. Michael Carlson responded, sure that is my motion. Mike Vohland commented, Eva, I apologize, I saw you typing and wanted to get it correct. Michael Carlson moved for what he just described; Mike Vohland seconds the motion. Chief Amezaga commented before we do that, he would like to make sure that we make... Chief Amezaga interrupted by Mike Vohland noting a point of order, that there is a second on the floor, you have to go ahead, now you can open it for discussion if the chairman wishes. Michael Carlson stated let's open it for discussion, go ahead Chief. Chief Amezaga stated he just wanted to make sure because we've had some issues in the past about motions, that as Eva is recording this that we capture the motion. I was just going to ask Eva to read back the motion so that we were clarified what we were doing. Michael Carlson asked Eva is she could do that for us, please? Eva stated she cannot as she was not taking the motion on his (Michael Carlson) behalf, Michael Carlson commented it wasn't a motion, as Mr. Vohland stated he was going to make the motion and wanted to know your (Michael Carlson's) input. I can listen back to the recording and put it verbatim from the recording. Mike Vohland noted to the Chief, everything is recording, in my personal opinion, she can always come back and replay this, I don't know how you choose to do that. Eva stated she replays it for the minutes while she is doing the minutes. Mike Vohland asked Eva if she plays it to clarify the minutes. Eva stated yes; Mike Vohland commented, okay perfect. Frank Bejarano commented Michael Carlson would have to make the motion all over again, please
- Michael Carlson commented, let me see if I can make the motion.....I move that the Rio Rico Fire District under the guidance of Chief Amezaga, begins the process immediately to develop an IGA with Nogales Suburban. The Chief is authorized to pull together a committee as he deems necessary, he will get documentation from Mr. Flynn to give us templates for future, for the use of the IGA and I would like to reiterate that time is of the essence on this.
- Second by Frank Bejarano
- Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
- Michael Carlson commented, Chief it is now in your court.
- Chief Amezaga thanked the Board for their time; at this point he doesn't have anymore. Believes we have come to an agreement including Chief Parra and the Board that we're going to look at the IGA. John and Chief will talk tomorrow and if he is available, start working on it as soon as possible and get him what he needs as quickly as possible so that we can close this deal.
- Michael Carlson asked Chief Amezaga if he would be in a position for our regular Board meeting next week to identify your committee and your members. Mike Vohland asked Michael Carlson if he meant Chief Parra. Michael Carlson noted he was talking to Chief Amezaga for our regular meeting. Chief Amezaga asked if anyone would be interested to be on the committee. Mike Vohland stated he would be happy to assist the Chief as he has already met with them several times. Michael Carlson stated as will I, Chief. Chief Amezaga will get with Mike Vohland and Michael Carlson to set up a date.
- Michael Carlson asked if there was anything else and thanked Chief Parra for his time and effort and between Chief Amezaga and the committee we will get this moving forward. Mike Vohland asked Mr. Carlson if it wouldn't behoove us to have Chief Parra in next week's meeting as well? Michael Carlson stated it would be very beneficial if Chief Parra could participate in our meetings as well as Chief Amezaga participate and maybe your good self and myself, as part of the committee, in their meetings as well, as we have in the past. Mike Vohland commented NSFD is going to have to



hold some special meetings as they only have their meetings every two months. They will need to hold special meetings because by the time November gets around, we will be ready to either move or the Board will not move to go forward with it. Michael Carlson agreed and asked Chief Parra to speak with his Board so that we can have a very consistent line of communication, participate with each other in our meetings and as Mr. Vohland points out, have some special meetings so that we can move this forward with the deadline that we have imposed upon ourselves. Chief Parra agrees that would be great to get this thing going and do our part for whatever it takes to get this IGA going- we'll be ready. If I have a days' notice or so, then we can meet together again.

- Michael Carlson thanked everybody for participating in the call.

6. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn made by Frank Bejarano, second by Dean Davis
- Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
- Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Dated this 3RD day of DECEMBER, 2020.

Rio Rico Medical & Fire District Elected Official

Mike Vohland,



Clerk of the Board

