



MEETING MINUTES

The Fire Board of the Rio Rico Medical and Fire District (RRMFD) met in regular session on Wednesday, August 28, 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 is being recorded
- Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Henry Thysell

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Present: Henry Thysell, Frank Bejarano and Michael Carlson
- Absent: Brad Beach and Dora Urias

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of minutes

i. Regular Session of July 31, 2024 and Special Session of August 22, 2024

- Motion to approve minutes of the Regular Session of July 31st and Special Session of August 22nd of this year made by Michael Carlson, second by Frank Bejarano

6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Correspondence

- Crews answered a cardiac arrest call of a patient with underlying medical conditions who unfortunately passed during the call. The patient was the brother of a NFD firefighter and the family members expressed their appreciation for RRMFD firefighter Adriane Demotica who went above and beyond by asking the family if they could join him in prayer which was very well received and gave them a sense of peace.

b. Badge Pinning

- Chief Amezaga noted his vision for RRMFD with community involvement, participation, development of District personnel, implementation of changes and to align those values, chose to promote BC Renteria to Deputy Chief. Pinned by his mother and wife.
- DC Renteria thanked the Chief, Board, admin staff and crews, pillar of the department. Appreciates being part of the team, the community feel and proud to be back home

c. Fire Chief's Report

- Report presented by Fire Chief Amezaga. Copy of report on file and posted on the District website

d. Fire Marshal Report

- Report presented by Fire Marshal Cluff. Copy of report on file.

e. Fire Board Member Report

- Frank Bejarano stated September is suicide awareness month. Mariposa will be doing public service announcements, information throughout the month; mental health awareness for adults, pediatrics, veterans. If you know someone who is in need, say something-if you don't talk about it, it suppresses; if you talk about it, it normalizes. Let them know you care. Chief Amezaga noted some personnel will be attending trainings for mental health – keep personnel mentally well, physically well and financially well.
- Hank Thysell commented he had been in Ohio for a submarine convention and stopped to see one of his Navy buddies who was honored as the longest serving firefighter and has two sons in the fire service. Chief Amezaga had given him challenge coins from RRMFD to present and those who received them were very appreciative.

f. Financial Report

i. Presentation of Financial Reports up to July 2024

- Report presented by Ana Holman. Copy of report on file.
- July is the first month of the new fiscal year and was the highest month of revenue- Collecting \$280,000
- Only two candidates for the Board seats therefore, there will be no election, Henry Thysell and Dora Urias have been appointed. NSFD
- GOHS awarded RRMFD a grant in the amount of \$11,799 for car seats
- FEMA awarded RRMFD a grant in the amount of \$999,063 with a 5% match by the District for the purchase of a fire truck. Award will require an additional audit due to amount.
- District has been asked to become a member of the Pima County Fire Chief's Association
- Financial Audit: walkthrough performed August 9th with no issues and field work is scheduled for the week of September 23, 2024
- Awarded the Mental Health Grant through Securis
- Meeting with attorney for the Santa Cruz County who stated to expect contact via Zoom with the person running numbers within the next two weeks
- Ana Holman has been researching types of investments for the money invested within the county and where it can be invested. State treasurer told Ana about LGIP-Local Government Investment Pool which consists of 82 cities/towns; 48 special taxing districts and 11 counties. RRMFD has two accounts not tied to taxes, Capital Improvement and the Bond account and also our Chase account which has the contingency funds and excess funds including bond money. To join, a Resolution from the Board is required. Return investment depends on where you place the money – currently 5% for two months cds. Suggested a committee be formed to review options, liquidity issues and overall risks involved.

7. OLD BUSINESS

MOVING TO 7 b,

- a. Discussion and possible action re: Executive Session – The Fire Board may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice regarding County Treasurer
- Note: Executive Sessions are confidential pursuant to A.R.S. section 38-431.03(C) anything discussed within Executive Session is to remain within Executive Session
 - Note: No Action is taken during an Executive Session. Any action taken by the Board will take place during an open meeting
- iii. This is a continuation of previous discussion related to the County Treasurer
- Michael Carlson moved to go into Executive Session for items discussed - entered Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

- Returned from Executive Session at 7:56 p.m.
 - Notes i. and ii. read
 - Motion to move forward with recommendations and guidance from our attorney, I asked him to file a notice of claims as appropriate with the appropriate numbers as they arrive, I also suggest or recommend that our legal counsel become our spokesman with all matters regarding this particular case and any communications from the attorney to be routed through the Chief made by Michael Carlson, second by Henry Thysell
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
- b. Discussion, review and update re: River Road Annexation of certain properties within Santa Cruz County and adjacent to the southeastern boundaries of the RRMFD
- i. This is a continuation of previous discussion related to the River Road Annexation of certain properties within Santa Cruz County and adjacent to the southeastern boundaries of the RRMFD
- Chief Amezaga updated Board members who were not in attendance at the public noting there was good attendance, had good questions and concerns noting they were unaware they were not within a fire district and thought they were within NSFD and from RRMFD was trying to poach them away from NSFD and defend NSFD stating they had always received good care. Additional concerns were address issues, taxes and would like time to speak with other members within the boundaries.
 - Louie Chaboya commented the Padilla needed to speak with other members of the LLC before signing; Sedgwick wanted to speak with other family members prior to signing and one resident was out of state and would be returning September 5th. Should have the required number of signatures by mid September
 - Michael Carlson suggested having a petition available for signature at Station 3
- c. Discussion, review and update re: Installation of the BlueStar Power System Industrial Outdoor Generator for Station 1
- i. This is a continuation of previous discussion related to the installation of the BlueStar Power System Industrial Outdoor Generator for Station 1
- Generator is installed; bollards installed, electrical installed, gas line installed however, the County is requesting testing and needs the ROC number. The person who installed the line is one of RRMFD's employees who will be taking the ROC test in two weeks. Giving him the opportunity to avoid having to undo and redo work by an ROC. Once propane is connected we can have the start up with Gen Tech.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- b. Discussion and possible action re: Approval of financial reports for July 2024.
- Motion to approve financial reports for July 2024 made by Michael Carlson, second by Frank Bejarano
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
- b. Discussion and possible action re: Adoption of Resolution #2025-02 AZGOHS Grant for Car Seats
- Ana Holman noted RRMFD purchases the car seats and submit documentation for reimbursement.
 - Motion to adopt Resolution #202502 AZGOHS Grant for Car Seats made by Michael Carlson, second by Frank Bejarano
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
- c. Discussion and possible action re: Approval to move current investment funds from SCC to a financial institution offering a higher rate of return

- Motion to set up a committee of Hank Thysell and Michael Carlson to investigate opportunities in investment funds outside of the county made by Michael Carlson, second by Frank Bejarano
- Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
- d. Discussion, update and possible action re: Change of September meeting date due to financial audit
 - Discussion to move to following week; however, there is a conflict due to office personnel attending a conference in Phoenix. Consensus to among Board and District personnel to leave as scheduled.

RETURNED TO 7 A

9. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Next Board Meeting September 25, 2024 5:30 p.m.
 - Proposal for credit card review discussion
 - Credit card review scheduled
 - Happy Birthday to Frank Bejarano

10. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 by Henry Thysell

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Rio Rico Medical & Fire District Elected Official

Henry Thysell,



Clerk of the Board