



MEETING MINUTES

The Fire Board of the Rio Rico Medical and Fire District (RRMFD) met in regular session on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Rio Rico Medical and Fire District administrative office, 822 Pendleton Drive, Rio Rico, AZ.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Meeting is being recorded
- Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Frank Bejarano

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Present: Frank Bejarano, Bread Beach, Michael Carlson, Gabriel Martinez and Henry Thysell

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- No call to the public

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of minutes

i. Regular Session and Executive Sessions of June 25, 2026

- Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Session and Executive Session of June 25, 2026 made by Michael Carlson, second by Brad Beach
- Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote

2. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Correspondence

- Email from Eva Barreda thanking Captain Ibarra, FF Alex Armenta and FF Ludolfo Cota for their professionalism, concern, support and humor during the call July 1st on Avenida Leon. In true spirit they showed the pride instilled in our personnel. She is home and doing well – thank you!
- Received goodie bags from the Local Chamber of Commerce acknowledging RRMFD's commitment to our community. Bags received by and picture taken with Eva Barred
- Letter/poem received from Terry Carlson, Friday volunteer, acknowledging the Admin ladies and the amazing team work and job they do.

b. Fire Chief's Report

- Report presented by Fire Chief Amezaga. Copy of report on file and posted on the website
- Michael Carlson gave an update on the Fire Corp number of volunteers, number of hours, trainings they assisted with, goals and outreach.

c. Fire Marshal Report

- Report not presented due to absence of Fire Marshal. Report on file.

d. Fire Board Member Report

- ~~Brad Beach attended AFDA conference-one of the speakers spoke of a plane crash and the~~ challenges faced enforcing the need for continual training. Also, attended Six Traits of A Leader, personal view of types and response determines what type of leadership (situational leadership). Commended and thanked DC Renteria for the multi-agency coordination during the swift water rescue and giving closure to the families
- Henry Thysell also attended the AFDA conference and had breakfast with two Chiefs who gave

kudos to RRMFD and the Training Tower. Open Meeting Law sessions need to be longer to be able to complete the entire session.

- Gabriel Martinez attended statutory training sessions as well and agrees the sessions needed to be longer for completion of session

e. Financial Report

i. Presentation of Financial Reports of June 2026

- No monthly report this month. County reports were received at 5:30 p.m. July 22, 2026 but they were incorrect and needed to be reissued.
- Brad Beach and Frank Bejarano have signed the approved and adopted budget. Another format for the Arizona Auditor General needs to be completed for submission to the Board of Supervisors; however, the format sent for completion has a formula error in the section for consolidation of districts which needs to be corrected before completion. (Auditor General office working on correcting error)

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action re: Approval and Adoption of the Santa Cruz County CWPP for RRMFD final edition

- i. This is a continuation of previous discussion related to the adoption of the Santa Cruz County CWPP for RRMFD final edition
- Chief Amezaga noted there were errors on vehicles/units in the report however the County has adopted the CWPP and no revisions can be made until the next edition. Suggests the Board adopts as is and revise next time. Does not affect RRMFD as we can add resources
 - Motion to approve and adopt the Santa Cruz County CWPP for RRMFD final edition made by Brad Beach, second by Gabriel Martinez
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote

MOVED TO ITEM 7 f.

- Chief Amezaga thanked the Union and Crews for attending
- b. 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)(1) for legal advice regarding the Santa Cruz County Treasurer
- i. **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**
- ii. **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 Santa Cruz County Treasurer
- Motion to enter Executive Session made by Michael Carlson, second by Brad Beach
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
 - Entered Executive Session at 6:52 p.m.
 - Returned from Executive Session at 6:59
 - Notes i. and ii. read
- c. Discussion and possible action re: the Santa Cruz County Treasurer
- No action
- d. 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)(1) for personnel matter
- i. This is a continuation of item regarding personnel matter
- ii. **Note: The Chairperson will confirm Chief Amezaga received at least 24 hours notice**
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- Confirmed Chief Amezaga received at least 24 hours notice

- Motion to enter Executive Session made by Michael Carlson, second by Brad Beach
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
 - Entered Executive Session at 7:01 p.m.
 - Returned from Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.
 - Note i. and ii. read
- e. Discussion and possible action re: Personnel matter
- i. This is a continuation of item regarding personnel matter
- Discussion amongst Board to come up with ideas of performance evaluation to be fair and give clear goals. This is the level we are at and how do we move the level a little higher. Would like input from the Chief for points of evaluation. Want comments and feedback from the Chief.
- f. Discussion and possible action re: Approval to authorize the Fire Chief to seek a replacement Type 1 4x4 Ambulance as per proposal
- i. This is a continuation of previous discussion regarding replacement of a Type 1 4x4 Ambulance as per proposal
- Searched for refurbished unit – Naval unit that has sat, 2016 Wheeled Coach with 20,808 Miles. Frank Granados negotiated with gentleman and received a discount (\$28,750) plus a refurbished Stryker Power Load. Total savings approximately \$60,000, new unit cost \$250,000. Did a video walk through and checked blow by; had a secondary check done by Ford (\$500.). With additional in service items, total would be \$155,130 plus a contingency of 15%, \$23,269.00 bringing total to \$178,399. Funds available in Capital Replacement and Capital Purchases accounts
 - Motion to authorize Chief Amezaga to purchase this ambulance, provided all inspections Come out as they are, in an amount not to exceed \$155,130.00 plus the 15% contingency that goes to \$178,399 made by Michael Carlson, second by Henry Thysell
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action re: Approval of financial reports for June 2026.
- Item tabled as no financial reports were presented
- b. Discussion and review re: Lease for 558 Highway 82, Nogales, Az., 85621
- Landlord of the land wants to renegotiate contract; was invited to attend Board meeting (did not show); no proposals, agreement or contract received; not too amicable, has made unfavorable comments. Chief Amezaga would like to discuss with legal in Executive Session
- c. 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)(1) for legal advice
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- ii. **Note: 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 made by Michael Carlson, second by Brad Beach
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
 - Entered Executive Session at 6:43 p.m.
 - Returned from Executive Session at 6:51 p.m.
 - Notes i. and ii. read

RETURNED TO ITEM 7 b.

9. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Next Board Meeting – August 27, 2026
- Chief's comments for his evaluation

- Santa Cruz County Treasurer update
- Lease update for 558 Highway 82, Nogales, Az. 85621

10. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. by Frank Bejarano

Dated this 27 day of Sept, 2026.
Rio Rico Medical & Fire District Elected Official

Brad Beach,  Clerk of the Board