



Rio Rico Medical & Fire District

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PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Fire Boards of the Rio Rico Medical and Fire District (RRMFD) and the Nogales Suburban Fire District (NSFD) held a public hearing and met in special session on Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Calabasas School Gymnasium, 131 Camino Maricopa, Rio Rico, AZ 85648.

General information regarding restrooms and beverages addressed by Chief Adam Amezaga. Chief Amezaga introduced himself as well as the Board members of each fire district.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by RRMFD Chair Henry Thysell

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

- NSFD Board Members Present: Armando Castillo, Dora Madrid and David Valenzuela
- RRMFD Board Members Present: Brad Beach, Frank Bejarano, Michael Carlson, Henry Thysell and Dora Urias

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- None

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Christina Elmgren expressed concerns with regard to the consolidation mailing be addressed to “Property Owner”, information not found on the website; numerous attempts to email contact@rioricofire.org and never connected, no additional information available on the meeting RSVP or at the District Headquarters. Response from Chief Amezaga to Ms. Elmgren addressed all concerns.
- Email correspondence received from Jeffrey and Carmen Damitz opposing the consolidation due to concerns with local taxes increasing; needs for more and larger equipment, no efforts to economize and do more with less – will need to be bigger and better in the new consolidated organization. Chief Amezaga responded answering all concerns.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Public Hearing re: Presentation of information and map of the Nogales Suburban Fire District’s boundaries within Santa Cruz County to be consolidated with Rio Rico Medical and Fire District
 - i. Chairman will open the hearing.
 - Public hearing opened at 6:11 p.m. by Henry Thysell
 - Chief Amezaga recognized John Fanning, Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisor and Carlos Parra, retired NSFD Fire Chief



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- Chief Amezaga presented an overview of the consolidation effort through a powerpoint presentation
 - ii. Chairman will call to all present for those who wish to comment on the consolidation of the Nogales Suburban Fire District and the Rio Rico Medical and Fire District as described in 6 a. and each person desiring to speak will be provided 3 minutes.
 - Following a session of comments, pros and cons and questions led by Chief Amezaga, all questions were answered
 - b. Chairman will close the hearing.
 - Public hearing closed 6:42 p.m. by Henry Thysell
 - c. Discussion and possible action re: Nogales Suburban Fire District Board's Adoption of Resolution #2026-02 authorizing the approval of the consolidation with Rio Rico Medical and Fire District.
 - Motion for the NSFD Board adoption of Resolution #2026-02 authorizing the approval of consolidation with RRMFD made by Dora Madrid, second by David Valenzuela
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
 - d. Discussion and possible action re: Rio Rico Medical and Fire District Board's Adoption of Resolution #2026-01 authorizing the approval of the consolidation with Nogales Suburban Fire District.
 - Motion to approve Board adoption of Resolution #2026-01 authorizing approval of the consolidation with NSFD made by Brad Beach, second by Dora Urias
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
7. ADJOURNMENT
- Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Dated this 27 day of August, 2025.
Nogales Suburban Fire District Board

Dora Madrid, [Signature] Clerk of the Board

Dated this 27th day of August, 2025.
Rio Rico Medical and Fire District Board

Michael Carlson, [Signature] Clerk of the Board