



Rio Rico Medical & Fire District

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NOGALES SUBURBAN FIRE DISTRICT HAS ENTERED AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH RIO RICO MEDICAL AND FIRE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

MEETING MINUTES

The Fire Board of the Nogales Suburban Fire District met in regular session on May 15, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at Nogales Suburban Fire District station #2, 80 Old Tucson Rd., Nogales, AZ.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
 - Meeting is being recorded
 - Meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by Armando Castillo
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS
 - Present: Armando Castillo and David Valenzuela
 - Absent: Dora Madrid
4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC
 - None
5. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Approval of minutes
 - i. Regular Session of March 20, 2025
 - Motion to approve the minutes of the regular session of March 20, 2025 made by Armando Castillo, second by David Valenzuela
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:
 - Letter received from the Rio Rico Fire District with a copy of the resolution dated April 22, 2025 requesting Nogales Suburban Fire District to consolidate with Rio Rico Fire District
 - a. Fire Chief's report
 - Report presented by Fire Chief Amezaga. Copy of report on file and posted on the District website
 - b. Fire Board Report
 - David Valenzuela noted the statutory training class he attended was very informative.
 - c. Financial Report
 - i. Presentation of Financial Reports up to April 2025.
 - Financial Reports presented by Ana Holman
 - Copy of report on file
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Discussion, update and possible action re: Santa Cruz County Treasurer investigation and situation
 - i. This is a continuation of previous discussion related to the Santa Cruz County Treasurer
 - Chief Amezaga noted an email was received from the County Attorney. As we all



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know there was an embezzlement, value of loss for each entity still not known as amounts differ between what is being said and the amounts on the statements. County is wanting to pay back a portion of the money without any information supporting the value to be received. Attorneys for the schools and fire districts replied to the County Attorney stating nothing has been agreed to due to discrepancies and miscalculations of loss allocations and are asking not to have any monies distributed until the attorneys can meet with the County.

- Sentencing for Liz Gutfahr is scheduled for June, 2025.
 - b. Discussion, update and possible action re: Consolidation of NSFD and RRMFD
 - i. This is a continuation of previous discussion related to the consolidation of NSFD and RRMFD
 - Chief Amezaga addressed the Board stating the letter has been received from Rio Rico Fire District requesting the NSFD Board move forward with the consolidation of Nogales Suburban Fire District with Rio Rico Medical and Fire District. He is recommending the NSFD Board approve the request from RRMFD to consolidate and pass and adopt the resolution declaring consolidation and public hearing will be held.
 - Ana Holman noted letters will be mailed to all property owners regarding the consolidation with the date and location of the public hearing. Would like to have two of the Board members present at the public hearing.
 - Discussion amongst Board members agree to the consolidation; understand the opportunities for training and service to the area and utilization of facilities.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. Discussion and possible action re: Approval of financial report as of April 2025.
 - Motion to approve the financial report as of April 2025 made by Armando Castillo, second by David Valenzuela
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
 - b. Discussion, review and possible action re: Approval for publication of the 2025-2026 Budget Proposal as presented
 - Proposed budget presented by Ana Holman. If approved, budget will need to be posted for 20 days followed by adoption
 - Motion to approve publication of the 2025-2026 Budget Proposal as presented made by Armando Castillo, second by David Valenzuela
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
 - c. Discussion, review and possible action re: Adoption of Resolution #2025-02 authorizing the consolidation of NSFD and RRMFD
 - Motion to adopt Resolution #2025-02 authorizing the consolidation of NSFD and RRMFD to include having a public hearing regarding the consolidation made by Armando Castillo, second by David Valenzuela
 - Chief Amezaga noted all property owners need to be notified prior to the public hearing and two Board members will need to be present at the hearing
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
9. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS
- a. Next Board Meeting – July 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
 - Meeting will need to be changed to July 24, 2025 due to AFCA/AFDA Conference



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10. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Dated this 24 day of July , 2025.
Nogales Suburban Fire District Board

Dora Madrid, *Dora Madrid* **Clerk of the Board**