

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT  
72401 HATCH ROAD, TWENTYNINE PALMS, CA 92277**

**June 25, 2014**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Moore called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m., 72401 Hatch Road, Twentynine Palms, California. Those responding to roll call were Directors Bo Bourikas, Chancey Chambers, Suzi Horn, Sam Moore, and Roger Shinaver. Also present were Fire Chief Jim Thompson, Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

Edward Vallerand, of Twentynine Palms, spoke to a non-agenda item concerning the latest MAC Committee meeting and advocating for the re-opening of the Lear Fire Station.

1. Consider Approval of Resolution 14-08 Adopting the Proposed Budget of the Twentynine Palms Fire Department for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Director Chambers moved to approve resolution 14-08 adopting the proposed budget of the Twentynine Palms Fire Department for fiscal year 2014-2015, seconded by Director Horn and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Directors Bourikas, Chambers, Horn, Moore, and Shinaver
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

2. Consider Approval of Resolution 14-09 Establishing the Appropriations Limit for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for the Twentynine Palms Fire Department of the Twentynine Palms Water District in Accordance with the Provisions of Division 9 of Title 1 of the California Government Code

The Gann Limit is a yearly constitutional requirement that sets the statutory spending limits based on per capita income and growth population figures. The appropriations limit for fiscal year 2014/2015 is \$1,846,290.

Director Chambers moved to approve resolution 14-09 establishing the appropriations limit for the fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Twentynine Palms Fire Department, seconded by Director Bourikas and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Directors Bourikas, Chambers, Horn, Moore, and Shinaver
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

3. Consider Approval of Resolution 14-10 Setting the Stipend and Reimbursement Rates for Volunteer Personnel of the Twentynine Palms Fire Department for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and Rescinding Resolution 13-12

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 14-10 and rescinding Resolution 13-12. Stipends have been increased for paid-call firefighters that reside within the Morongo basin. Attracting

locals will save the department in mileage reimbursement expenditures for firefighters who reside outside the Morongo basin.

After discussion, Director Chambers moved to approve resolution 14-10 setting the stipend and reimbursement rates for volunteer personnel of the Twentynine Palms Fire Department for fiscal year 2014-2015 and rescinding resolution 13-12, seconded by Director Horn and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Directors Bourikas, Chambers, and Horn
Noes:	Directors Moore and Shinaver
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

4. Consider Approval of Contract with CONFIRE Joint Powers Authority for Dispatch Services

Staff recommends the approval of the contract with Confire JPIA for dispatch services as presented. The contract stipulations are the same as last year with the exception of a fourteen month termination notice.

Director Chambers moved to approve the contract with CONFIRE JPIA for dispatch services as presented, seconded by Director Bourikas and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Directors Bourikas, Chambers, Horn, Moore, and Shinaver
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

5. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 28, 2014
- Audit List

Director Chambers moved to approve the Audit List, seconded by Director Bourikas and approved unanimously by Directors Bourikas, Chambers, Horn, Moore, and Shinaver.

6. Items Removed From the Consent Calendar for Discussion or Separate Action

Director Shinaver moved to pull the minutes for discussion from the consent calendar, seconded by Director Chambers. Director Shinaver clarified that he was misquoted in the newspaper, that it was Chief Thompson who recommended that residents be charged for emergency medical calls as noted in the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

Director Bourikas moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Director Chambers and approved unanimously.

7. Department Reports

7.1 Finance Report

Ms. Cindy Byerrum, Financial Consultant, reported the budget is tracking as planned.

7.2 Fire Chief's Report

Chief Thompson reported the Department responded to 182 calls for assistance during May. There were three structure fires during the month. Annual hose testing has been completed. Mr. Brakebill was commended for donating his time to instruct a driver operator class. The Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce recognized the Twentynine Palms firefighters for their contribution to the community honoring them as

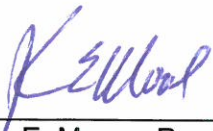
Public Servants of the Year. The City Council agreed to move forward with a joint workshop meeting with the Water District Board of Directors. The meeting is anticipated for some time in September. The Lew Edwards Group is approximately 75% completed with the voter survey.

8. Future Agenda Items and Staff Tasks/Directors' Comments and Reports

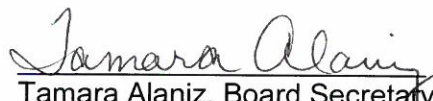
Director Chambers commented that he would like to meet with the City and wait for the survey results from the Lew Edwards Group prior to moving forward with an Ordinance and ballot measure. Director Chambers would also like to see how many local paid call firefighters are working and their impact on the department's budget at the November board meeting.

9. Adjournment

On motion by Director Shinaver, seconded by Director Horn and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

  
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Kerron E. Moore, President  
Board of Directors

Attest:

  
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Tamara Alaniz, Board Secretary  
Twentynine Palms Water District

APPROVED JUL 23 2014