

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

AUGUST 28, 2013

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Moore called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m., 72401 Hatch Road, Twentynine Palms, California. Those responding to roll call were Bo Bourikas, Chancey Chambers, Philip Cisneros, and Sam Moore. Director Roger Shinaver was absent. Also present were Fire Chief Jim Thompson, Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

1. Closed Session – Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: Board of Directors and Legal Counsel
Joseph Sanchez

Unrepresented Employee: Fire Chief

Director Cisneros moved to enter closed session with labor negotiators pursuant to government code section 54957.6 at 6:56 p.m., seconded by Director Bourikas and unanimously approved.

The Board returned to open session at 7:21 p.m. Director Moore announced there was no reportable action.

2. Approval of the Fire Chief's Employment Agreement

Director Cisneros made the motion to approve the Fire Chief's employment agreement, seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

3. Report on Mutual Aid Responses Between Twentynine Palms Fire Department and San Bernardino County Fire Department

Chief Thompson provided the Board with a breakdown of mutual aid responses to and from the San Bernardino County Fire Department before and after the Lear Station closure. After discussion, which included automatic aid versus mutual aid, the Board agreed to continue mutual aid with the San Bernardino County Fire Department but stressed the importance of having sufficient coverage for the community of Twentynine Palms.

4. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 24, 2013
- Audit List

Director Cisneros moved to adopt the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director Chambers and approved unanimously.

5. Items Removed From the Consent Calendar for Discussion or Separate Action
None

6. Department Reports

6.1 Fire Chief's Report

Chief Thompson reported the Department responded to 193 calls for assistance during July. Training will be provided to approximately 20 new CERT members on September 21, 28, and October 5. There are approximately 40 active CERT members currently in the program. October 6-12 is Fire Prevention week. Firefighters will be going to local preschools and elementary schools providing fire safety education. October 19th is the annual pancake breakfast, which is the primary fundraiser for the Fire Explorers.

6.2 Finance Report

Ms. Byerrum, Financial Consultant, handed out an update to the July Financials breaking out the Donation Fund. Finances are tracking accordingly and there was nothing unusual to report for the month of July.

6.3 Citizens' Advisory Committee

Chairman Adam Lunn congratulated the election winners. Mr. Lunn advised that a sub-committee has been formed to draft a report that will be submitted to the Advisory Committee for review and comments before being finalized and submitted to the Board for consideration in October.

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

Director Chambers commented that members of the community have voiced concerns regarding Fire Department resources going west and leaving the community unprotected. Director Chambers stated that it is in the best interest of the community to keep control of the local fire department.

Director Cisneros made it clear that his comments during discussion should not be misconstrued as endorsement for another fire tax measure.


8. Adjournment

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



Kerron E. Moore, President
Board of Directors

Attest:



Tamara Alaniz, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District