

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

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2015**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Moore called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m., 72401 Hatch Road, Twentynine Palms, California. Those responding to roll call were Directors Carol Giannini, Suzi Horn, Sam Moore, and Roger Shinaver. Director Chancey Chambers was absent. Also present were Fire Chief Jim Thompson, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes. Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum was absent.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

Chief Thompson requested Agenda item 2 be considered before Agenda item 1, due to technical difficulties. The board was in agreement and the items were heard out of order.

2. Discussion and Possible Action Related to the Transfer of the 1943 Mack Fire Engine to the Twentynine Palms Historical Society

The 1943 Mack Fire Engine and parts truck will be transferred to the San Bernardino County Fire District as part of the LAFCO process unless the Board takes other action. Chief Thompson met with president, Les Snodgrass, of the Historical Society who agreed to accept the fire engine along with the parts truck as long as the District unconditionally gives/donates the apparatus to the Historical Society and waives any rights to its use or disposition. They make no commitment to restore the vehicles and would like to store them on District property in the time being.

Director Giannini moved to donate the 1943 Mack Fire Engine and parts truck to the Historical Society, directing Chief Thompson to create an inventory of all historical documents, and relinquish said documents to the Historical Society, seconded by Director Shinaver and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

1. Fire Prevention Week

1.1 Presentation on Fire Prevention Week Theme and Local Activities

This year's theme is, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm." Captain Marquez gave a Powerpoint presentation on the importance of working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors should be present in all bedrooms and on every level of the home. Alarms should be tested monthly to ensure proper function. Twentynine Palms residents can contact the Fire Department for free smoke alarm testing and installation while supplies last.

1.2 Approval of Resolution 15-15 Proclaiming October 4-10, 2015 as Fire Prevention Week

Director Shinaver made the motion to approve Resolution 15-15 Proclaiming October 4-10, 2015, as Fire Prevention Week, seconded by Director Horn and approved by the following roll call:

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

3. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 26, 2015 and Minutes of a Special Meeting held on August 24, 2015
- Audit List

Director Horn moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director Shinaver and approved unanimously.

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

5. Department Reports

5.1 Finance

Chief Thompson reported the budget is tracking as expected.

5.2 Fire Chief's Report

Chief Thompson reported the Department responded to 194 calls for assistance during August. There were four significant alarms reported for the month, one of which involved a traffic accident and a subsequent second incident as a result of a distracted driver who ran into a patrol car at full speed. Chief Thompson reminded the public to slow down when nearing traffic accidents. During the month of October, the Fire Department will be visiting preschools and elementary schools teaching the importance of fire safety. LAFCO approved the District's request for an application fee reduction. The costs will be absorbed by the current fiscal year budget. Staff has determined that maintaining an Election Reserve is in the best interest of the District should there be a required vote as part of the LAFCO process. The annual Firefighters Pancake Breakfast and Pioneer Days Parade will be held 6:00 am – 10:00 am on October 17<sup>th</sup>. An open house at the Lear Station will be held October 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm - 7:00 pm.

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

None

7. Adjournment

On motion by Director Shinaver seconded by Director Horn and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

  
Kerron E. Moore, President  
Board of Directors

Attest:

  
Ray Kulisz, Board Secretary  
Twentynine Palms Water District

APPROVED OCT 28 2015