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

October 23, 2019 / 4:00 P.M.

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Giannini called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., 72401 Hatch Road, Twentynine Palms, California. Those responding to roll call were Directors Bob Coghill, Suzi Horn, Carol Giannini, Randy Leazer, and Neal Stephenson. Also present were, General Manager Ray Kolisz, Treatment/Production Superintendent Mike Minatrea, Maintenance Superintendent Matt Shragge, Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum, District Legal Counsel, William Priest, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes.

<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> Marina West led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda None

Public Comments

None

1. Morongo Basin Conservation Association Presentation

Marina West, Director of the Morongo Basin Conservation Association, thanked the Directors for their continued partnership in the Desert-Wise Landscape Tour. Ms. West provided them with a summary of this year's tour and a brief video presentation.

 Consideration of Resolution 19-13 Changing its General Election from an All Mail Ballot Election in August of Odd Numbered Years to the Election in November of Odd Numbered Years

District Counsel, William Priest, was present and briefed the Board on law SB 415 and the legality of changing to a statewide general election in even numbered years. The adoption of Resolutions 19-13 and 19-14 is a two-step process, necessary due to the District having previously conducted all mail ballot elections. The District meets the conditions for moving to a statewide general election in even numbered years. In doing so, current Board members' four year terms will be extended by one year.

3. Consideration of Resolution 19-14 Changing the Twentynine Palms Water District Regular Election to November of Even-Numbered Years and Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino to Approve this Resolution

Director Horn made a motion to adopt Resolutions 19-13 and 19-14 changing the District's general election from an all-mail election in August of odd numbered years to the election in November of odd numbered years; and changing the District's election to November of even numbered years and requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino to approve the resolution, seconded by Director Coghill, and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

Directors Coghill, Horn, Leazer, Stephenson, and Giannini

Noes:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

4. Review and Adjust Board Meeting Schedule for November and December

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to reschedule the regular Board meetings from the original dates of November 27, 2019 and December 25, 2019, to Thursday, November 21, 2019, and Wednesday, December 18, 2019 due to the holidays. Meetings will begin at their regular time, 4:00 p.m.

Director Leazer made a motion to change the District's November and December Board meetings as discussed, seconded by Director Coghill, and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

Directors Coghill, Horn, Leazer, Stephenson, and Giannini

Noes:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

5. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on August 28, 2019
- Audit List

Director Horn, moved to approve the Minutes and Audit List(s), seconded by Director Leazer, and approved unanimously.

6. <u>Items Removed from the Consent Calendar for Discussion or Separate Action</u> None

7. Management Reports

7.1 Maintenance

Matt Shragge reported that the District responded to 31 Underground Service Alerts, had 0 water main leaks, 7 water meter leaks, 0 service line leaks, 1 fire hydrant repair and painted 23, performed 3 customer pressure checks, replaced 6 meters, replaced 6 customer gate valves, and installed 0 new services. 0 water waste inquiries were received. 455 work orders were generated and performed during the month. 843 AMI/AMR meters were installed in September, bringing the total to 3.585.

7.2 Water Quality

Mike Minatrea reported Water production was down 5.34% as compared to the same month in 2013. 48 routine and 6 special water were taken. All samples tested negative for Colilert. The fluoride variance of 3.0 mg/L will expire in 2023. All current wells meet the 2.0 mg/L standard variance set by the State Water Resource Control Board. Approximately 75,000,000 gallons of water was produced in the month of September. Well TP1 motor had to be replaced at a cost of \$15,000.

7.3 Finance

Ms. Byerrum reported that the fiscal year ended with over \$5 million in revenue and \$4 million in expenses. The operating revenues are trending over budget.

7.4 General Manager

Mr. Kolisz reported that Well TP2 drilling and test pumping are complete. Well 11B treatment costs are estimated between \$1-1.5 million. Ray and Mike will be attending the AWWA Conference in Dallas. The District has been spotlighted for its chromium 6, arsenic, and fluoride treatment methods. Ray travelled to Sacramento this week and joined forces with other Community Water System Alliance members to stress the difficulty small water districts face with the State's ongoing regulations. Ray commended staff for keeping the District running smoothly in his absence.

6. <u>Future Agenda Items and Staff Tasks/Directors' Comments and Reports</u> None

7. Adjournment

On motion by Director Horn, seconded by Director Leazer, and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 4:37 p.m.

Carol Giannini, President Board of Directors

Ray Kolisz, Board Secretary Twentynine Palms Water District