

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

October 28, 2020 / 6:00 P.M.

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, in an effort to protect the public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19, this meeting was open to the public with limited seating due to social distancing restrictions in an effort to protect public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Giannini called the Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those responding to roll call were Directors Bob Coghill, Suzi Horn, Carol Giannini, and Randy Leazer. Director Michael Arthur was absent. Also present were General Manager Ray Kolisz, Maintenance Superintendent Matt Shragge, Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes. Treatment/Production Superintendent Mike Minatrea was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Jake Giannini led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

2A. Review and Accept Proposal from Engineering Resources of Southern California for Bid and Construction Services for Well TP-2

Public Comments

None

1. Presentation and Discussion of NBS Capital Impact Fees for New Service Connections

Kim Boehler with NBS presented the Board with a breakdown of the District's current new service connection cost structure, in place since 2003. Changing Capital impact fees require a public hearing but does not fall under Prop 218 requirements to implement.

The Board unanimously agreed to bring this item back for further discussion at the November Board meeting.

2. Discussion of NBS Rate Study Alternatives and Possible Action to Direct Staff to Begin the Prop 218 Process

Staff recommends scheduling a public hearing and possible action to adopt one of the alternative rate increases, Alternative #1 – 8% or Alternative #2 – 10%, at the regular scheduled Board of Directors meeting on January 27, 2021.

Director Leazer made a motion to accept Alternative #2 - 10% and start the Prop 218 process, seconded by Director Horn, and approved unanimously by all present. Director Arthur was absent.

2A. Review and Accept Proposal from Engineering Resources of Southern California for Bid and Construction Services for Well TP-2

Staff recommends approving the proposal to provide a bid and construction services for equipping Well TP-2 in the amount of \$65,040 for the next phase.

Director Horn made a motion to accept the proposal from Engineering Resources of Southern California for bid and construction services for Well TP-2 in the amount of \$65,040, seconded by Director Coghill, and approved unanimously by all present. Director Arthur was absent.

3. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on September 23, 2020 and Minutes of a Special Meeting held on October 14, 2020
- Audit List

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

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

5. Management Reports

5.1 Maintenance

Matt Shragge reported that the District responded to 77 Underground Service Alerts, had 1 water main leak, 0 water meter leaks, 0 service line leaks, 3 fire hydrant repairs/maintenance, installed 14 new services, replaced 9 customer gate valves, performed 7 leak audits, painted 0 fire hydrants, performed 7 customer pressure checks, replaced 3 meters Tested and exercised emergency generators and sounded wells for September. 0 water waste inquiries were received. 501 work orders were generated and performed during the month. There were no shut offs due to COVID-19. 15 AMI/AMR meters were installed.

5.2 Water Quality

Treatment/Production Superintendent Mike Minatrea was not available to give the report.

5.3 Finance

Ms. Byerrum reported revenues are at 23% due to summer water sales. 8,000 old meters were broken down and recycled for a \$35,000 profit. Expenses are trending at 17%. The Audit will be completed and presented at the December Board meeting.

5.4 General Manager

Mr. Kolisz reported the State Water Board approved the permit for Well 11-B without fluoride treatment, but with monitoring requirements. This

Friday the District will participate in a customer portal presentation by Pat Grady.

6. Closed Session-Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representative: Ray Kolisz, General Manager

Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees ("AFSCME") Local 1902

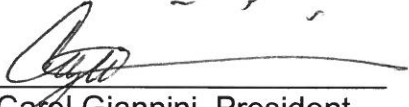
Director Coghill moved to enter closed session at 6:32 p.m., seconded by Director Horn, and unanimously approved.

The Board returned to open session at 6:50 p.m. Director Giannini announced the Board voted unanimously 4-0 to accept the MOU. Director Arthur was absent.

7. Future Agenda Items and Staff Tasks/Directors' Comments and Reports
None

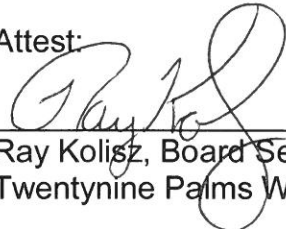
8. Adjournment

On motion by Director Horn, seconded by Director Leazer, and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 6:51 p.m.



Carol Giannini, President
Board of Directors

Attest:



Ray Kolisz, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District