

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

February 24, 2021 / 4:00 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 4:00 p.m. Those responding to roll call were Directors Michael Arthur, Bob Coghill, Suzi Horn, Carol Giannini, and Randy Leazer. 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

Director Giannini led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

1. Consideration of Resolution 21-03 Adopting Annual Statement of Investment Policy

Annually the District must formally adopt an Investment Policy.

Director Coghill moved to approve Resolution 20-03 adopting Annual Statement of Investment Policy, seconded by Director Arthur, and approved by the following roll call vote.

Ayes:	Directors Arthur, Coghill, Horn, Leazer, and Giannini
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

2. Discussion of Capital Impact Fees for New Service Connections

NBS was retained to evaluate the current capital impact fee structure. The current fee structure has not been evaluated since 2003. Capital impact fees cover the costs of buying in to the water system, with installation costs being separate.

The Board was in agreement to bring back the item at the March Board meeting for adoption.

3. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on January 27, 2021
- Audit List

Director Arthur, moved to approve the Minutes and Audit List, seconded by Director Horn, 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 86 Underground Service Alerts, had 1 water main leak, 0 water meter leaks, 0 service line leaks, 1 fire hydrant repair/maintenance, installed 8 new services, replaced 6 customer gate valves, performed 5 leak audits, painted 0 fire hydrants, performed 3 customer pressure checks, replaced 2 meters, Tested and exercised emergency generators and sounded wells for January. 0 water waste inquiries were received. 403 work orders were generated and performed during the month. There were no shut offs due to COVID-19. 0 AMI/AMR meters were installed.

5.2 Water Quality

Ray Kolisz reported Water production was down 9.18% as compared to the same month in 2013. 38 routine and 10 special water samples 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.

5.3 Finance

Ms. Byerrum reported revenues are 15% above normal due to capital impact fees from new development and insurance reimbursements for fire hydrant repairs and a stolen trailer. Work will begin on the 2021-2022 budget next month with a May or June adoption.

5.4 General Manager

Mr. Kolisz reported the District is moving forward with the Well TP2 project, with a scheduled completion date in September. Budget talks will begin in March with District staff. There has been a slight delay with the AMI customer portal. The District may need to seek a different vendor. The District was denied a grant through FEMA for the Campbell Hill reservoir hazardous mitigation project. The District anticipates the state

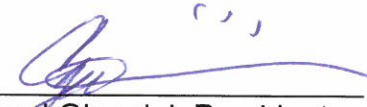
will not allow utilities to seek collection of monies owed for non-payment as a result of SB998.

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

Director Coghill commented that the State Water Resource Control Board conducted a financial survey on the implications of SB998, not shutting off water service during the pandemic due to non-payment. The District is currently at a \$136,000 loss.

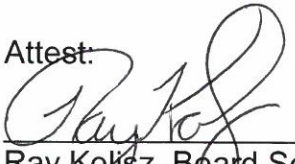
7. Adjournment

On motion by Director Horn, seconded by Director Coghill, and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 4:22 p.m.



Carol Giannini, President
Board of Directors

Attest:



Ray Kolsz, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District