

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

March 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 Bob Coghill, Suzi Horn, and Carol Giannini. Directors Michael Arthur and Randy Leazer were absent. Also present were General Manager Ray Kolisz, Treatment/Production Superintendent Mike Minatrea, Maintenance Superintendent Matt Shragge, Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Horn led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

1. Public Hearing on Capital Impact Fees for New Service Connections

The public hearing allows ratepayers the ability to submit written or oral comments.

1.1 Board to Hear Public Testimony at this Time

Director Giannini moved to open the Public Hearing at 4:01 p.m. , seconded by Director Coghill, and unanimously approved.

Jamie Avel, of Twentynine Palms, spoke against the adoption of Ordinance 100 and its potential to stifle future growth for individual landowners.

Director Giannini moved to close the public hearing at 4:11 p.m., seconded by Director Horn, and unanimously approved.

2. Consideration of Adopting Ordinance 100 Adjusting the Water Capital Facility Fees and Taking other Actions Related Thereto

Staff recommends adopting Ordinance 100. Capacity fees are charged to new customers based on meter ratios established by the American Water Works Association. The intent is to have new customers pay a proportionate share of costs required to provide service.

Director Horn moved to adopt Ordinance 100 adjusting the Water Capital Facility Fees and taking other actions related thereto, seconded by Director Coghill, and approved by the following roll call vote.

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

3. Consideration of Resolution 21-04 Intention to Continue Currently Existing Water Availability Assessments of the Twentynine Palms Water District in the Upcoming Fiscal Year 2021/2022

Staff recommends adopting Resolution 21-04.

Director Coghill moved to adopt Resolution 21-04, seconded by Director Horn, and approved by the following roll call vote.

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

4. Review of Grant Award from the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and Approve General Manager to Execute Documents

The District applied and received a Power Resiliency Grant in the amount of \$153,500. The stationary generator for the administration building will be replaced with the grant money.

Director Coghill moved to approve the execution of documents by the General Manager, seconded by Director Horn, and approved by all present. Directors Arthur and Leazer were absent.

5. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on February 24, 2021
- Audit List

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

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

7. Management Reports

7.1 Maintenance

Matt Shragge reported that the District responded to 95 Underground Service Alerts, had 0 water main leaks, 1 water meter leak, 1 service line leak, 0 fire hydrant repairs/maintenance, installed 28 new services,

replaced 3 customer gate valves, performed 3 leak audits, painted 0 fire hydrants, performed 2 customer pressure checks, replaced 6 meters, Tested and exercised emergency generators and sounded wells for January. 1 water waste inquiry was received. 396 work orders were generated and performed during the month. There were no shut offs due to COVID-19. 0 AMI/AMR meters were installed. Maintenance staff and Mike Minatrea were praised for their hard work repairing a mainline leak Friday night into Saturday morning.

7.2 Water Quality

Mike Minatrea reported Water production was down 4.78% 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. Matt and his maintenance crew were thanked for their teamwork in repairing the mainline leak.

7.3 Finance

Ms. Byerrum reported that through the month of January the District is at 58% of its budget. Production is down but the new meters are reading accurately resulting in an increase in revenue. This has been the case with other clients that have installed automated meters.

7.4 General Manager

Mr. Kolisz reported work continues on the Well TP2 project. This will give the District redundancy at the Treatment Plant. There still has been no direction from the Governor's Office regarding the collection of monies owed for non-payment during the COVID crisis.

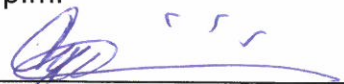
8. Future Agenda Items and Staff Tasks/Directors' Comments and Reports

Director Horn praised District staff for their hard work on fixing the mainline leak and their professionalism.

Director Coghill verified that the Board will have an opportunity to review the budget prior to adoption.

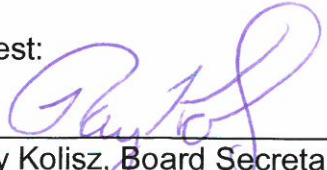
9. Adjournment

On motion by Director Horn, seconded by Director Coghill, and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 4:36 p.m.



Carol Giannini, President
Board of Directors

Attest:



Ray Kolisz, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District