

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

**May 26, 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 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

Adan Ortega led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

Karalee Hargrove, of Twentynine Palms, spoke to the City's survey and her opposition to the City's reference to consolidate with the Twentynine Palms Water District.

Steven Reyes, of unincorporated Twentynine Palms, spoke against the excessive water use by illegal pot farms.

Amy Tessier, of unincorporated Twentynine Palms, spoke to the negative impact of water usage by illegal pot farms.

Pat Flanagan, of Twentynine Palms, spoke against the illegal pot farm grows and the water quality that may be impacted.

1. Consideration to Approve Resolution 21-05 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Budget and Compensation Plan

Director Leazer moved to approve Resolution 21-05 adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Budget and Compensation plan, seconded by Director Horn, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on April 28, 2021
- Audit List

Director Leazer, moved to approve the Minutes and Audit List, seconded by Director Coghill, and unanimously approved by all present. Director Arthur was absent.

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

4. Management Reports

4.1 Maintenance

Matt Shragge reported that the District responded to 140 Underground Service Alerts, had 2 water main leaks, 0 water meter leaks, 0 service line leaks, 2 fire hydrant repairs/maintenance, installed 51 new services, replaced 2 customer gate valves, performed 2 leak audits, painted 0 fire hydrants, performed 4 customer pressure checks, replaced 10 meters, Tested and exercised emergency generators and sounded wells for April. 0 water waste inquiries were received. 390 work orders were generated and performed during the month. There were no shut offs due to COVID-19. 0 AMI/AMR meters were installed.

4.2 Water Quality

Mike Minatrea was absent.

4.3 Finance

Ms. Byerrum reported the District is ahead of the budget due to an increase in new development fees, insurance reimbursement, and scrap sales.

4.4 General Manager

Mr. Kolisz thanked Staff for filling in during his absence. Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, the District will reinstate late fees for delinquent water accounts.

5. Closed Session: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Per Government Code § 54957)

Title: General Manager

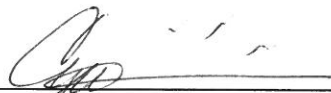
Director Horn moved to enter closed session at 4:19 p.m., seconded by Director Leazer, and unanimously approved.

The Board returned to open session at 5:45 p.m. Director Giannini announced there was no reportable action.

6. Future Agenda Items and Staff Tasks/Directors' Comments and Reports  
Director Giannini announced that retired Colonel and longtime Board member, Phil Cisneros, passed away and will be buried this Memorial weekend fittingly in Arlington Memorial Cemetery.

Director Leazer would like the General Manager to look into the District's legal obligations and water usage data analysis as it pertains to the illegal grow operations, for next month's Board meeting.

7. Adjournment  
On motion by Director Horn seconded by Director Coghill, and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 5:46 p.m.

  
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Carol Giannini, President  
Board of Directors

Attest:  
  
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Ray Kolisz, Board Secretary  
Twentynine Palms Water District