

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

August 25, 2021 / 4:00 P.M.

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, and Carol Giannini. Directors Arthur and Leazer was absent. Also present were General Manager Ray Kolisz, Maintenance Superintendent Matt Shragge, Victoria Pinilla, and Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum. Treatment/Production Superintendent Mike Minatrea and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Linda Stull led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

1. Consideration of Resolution 21-08 Supporting Orange County Water District (OCWD) First Vice President Cathy Green as a Candidate for the Office of ACWA Vice President

Director Coghill moved to approve Resolution 21-08 supporting Cathy Green as a candidate for the office of ACWA Vice President, seconded by Director Horn, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Approval of Resolution 21-09 Commending Linda Stull for Over Twenty-four Years of Public Service

Employee, Linda Stull, was commended for her service to the Twentynine Palms Water District for over 24 years. Ms. Stull will be retiring from her position as bookkeeper on September 3rd.

Director Horn moved to approve Resolution 21-09 commending Linda Stull for her public service, seconded by Director Giannini, 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 21-10 Exception of the 180-Day Waiting Period in Accordance with California Government Code Sections 7522.56 and 21224

Staff recommends adopting Resolution 21-10, allowing for retiree, Linda Stull, to continue training the new bookkeeper on an as-needed basis.

Horn moved to approve Resolution 21-10 exception of the 180-day waiting period in accordance with California Government Code Sections 7522.56 and 21224, seconded by Director Giannini, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

4. Consideration of Ordinance 101 Amending the Rules and Regulations for the Application of Retail Water Service and Administrative Penalties for Violation of the Rules and Regulations

Staff recommends adopting Ordinance 101, in order to curtail the rise of illegal commercial cannabis operations using District water.

Director Horn moved to adopt Ordinance 101, amending the Rules and Regulations for the application of retail water service and administrative penalties for violation of the Rules and Regulations, 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

5. Consent Calendar

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

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

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

6. Management Reports

6.1 Maintenance

Matt Shragge reported that the District responded to 83 Underground Service Alerts, had 0 water main leaks, 0 water meter leaks, 1 service line

leak, 1 fire hydrant repairs/maintenance, installed 7 new services, replaced 4 customer gate valves, performed 2 leak audits, painted 19 fire hydrants, performed 1 customer pressure check, replaced 5 meters, Tested and exercised emergency generators and sounded wells for July. 1 water waste inquiry was received. There were no shut offs due to COVID-19. 0 AMI/AMR meters were installed. Matt presented the board with a quote for Knox locks for the fire hydrants. Director Giannini requests further research.

6.2 Water Quality

Mike Minatrea was absent. Ray reported Water production was down 2.34% as compared to the same month in 2013. 39 routine and 9 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.

6.3 Finance

Ms. Byerrum reported on the June financials: The year ended with \$6.6 million in revenues of which \$236,000 was in new meter sales; expenses were at 99%; there was an increase in funds of \$915,000, some of which will be allocated to next year's CIP.

6.4 General Manager

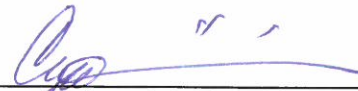
Mr. Kolisz reported an increase in COVID cases amongst the staff.

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

Director Giannini requests further research on the Knox locks.

8. Adjournment

On motion by Director Horn seconded by Director Coghill, and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 4:42 p.m.



Carol Giannini, President
Board of Directors

Attest:



Ray Kolisz, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District