

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

September 22, 2021 / 4:00 P.M.

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Giannini called the Board meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Those responding to roll call were Michael Arthur, Bob Coghill, Suzi Horn, and Carol Giannini. Director Randy Leazer was late. Also present were General Manager Ray Kolisz, Director of Operations Matt Shragge, Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum, District Counsel Steve Anderson, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes. Treatment/Production Superintendent Mike Minatrea was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Steve Anderson led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Director Giannini asked that Agenda Item #1, Closed Session, be moved after Management Reports.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

2. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on August 25, 2021
- Audit List

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

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 96 Underground Service Alerts, had 0 water main leaks, 0 water meter leaks, 0 service line leaks, 0 fire hydrant repairs/maintenance, installed 1 new service, replaced 0 customer gate valves, performed 2 leak audits, painted 15 fire hydrants, performed 5 customer pressure checks, replaced 1 meter, Tested and exercised emergency generators and sounded wells for August. 0 water waste inquiries were received. There were no shut offs due to COVID-19. 0 AMI/AMR meters were installed. There was a total of 360 work orders that were processed during the month.

4.2 Water Quality

Mike Minatrea was absent. Matt reported Water production was down 1.24% as compared to the same month in 2013. 50 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.

4.3 Finance

Ms. Byerrum reported the operating budget is at 8%, operating expenses are at 6%. The auditors will be onsite in a few weeks.

4.4 General Manager

Mr. Kolisz informed the Board that staff reported arrearages to the State Water Resource Control Board for monies lost due to the pandemic. The lobby remains closed with ongoing discussion for reopening. Austin Meyers was promoted from Service Worker II to Service Worker III. Matt Shragge was promoted to Director of Operations. Matt will be assisting Ray with various projects. Adan Ortega was introduced and gave a brief update: Local water districts and a representative from the US EPA met and discussed Morongo Basin drought measures. There will be weekly ads in the newspaper and collaboration with other local water agencies, sharing a mutual message about water conservation in the Morongo Basin. This will be advantageous for all Districts, sharing costs and providing a unified front in combating water waste.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Director Horn moved to enter closed session at 4:18 p.m., seconded by Director Coghill, and unanimously approved.

The Board returned to open session at 5:46 p.m. Director Giannini announced there was no reportable action.


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

Director Leazer commented about the cost of the Knox locks for the fire hydrants.

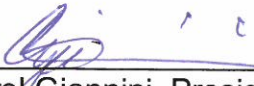
6. Adjournment

On motion by Director Horn seconded by Director Coghill, and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 5:48 p.m.

Attest.



Ray Kolisz, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District



Carol Giannini, President
Board of Directors