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

October 27, 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 Michael Arthur, Bob Coghill, Carol Giannini, and Randy Leazer. Director Suzi Horn was absent. Also present were General Manager Ray Kolisz, Director of Operations Matt Shragge, Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes. Treatment/Production Superintendent Mike Minatrea was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Matt Shragge led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

1. Review and Adjust Board Meeting Schedule for November and December

Due to the upcoming holidays, staff recommends changing the November and December Board meeting schedules to the third Wednesday of the month.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to reschedule the regular Board meetings from the original dates of November 24, 2021 and December 22, 2021, to Wednesday, November 17, 2021, and Wednesday, December 15, 2021. Meetings will begin at their regular time, 4:00 p.m.

Director Leazer made a motion to change the District's November and December Board meetings as discussed, seconded by Director Arthur, and unanimously approved by all present. Director Horn was absent.

2. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on September 22, 2021
- Audit List

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

3. <u>Items Removed from the Consent Calendar for Discussion or Separate Action</u> None

Management Reports

4.1 Maintenance

Matt Shragge reported that the District responded to 63 Underground Service Alerts, had 1 water main leak, 0 water meter leaks, 0 service line leaks, 3 fire hydrant repairs/maintenance, installed 2 new services, replaced 4 customer gate

valves, performed 3 leak audits, painted 12 fire hydrants, performed 5 customer pressure checks, replaced 10 meters, Tested and exercised emergency generators and sounded wells for September. 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 500 work orders that were processed during the month.

4.2 Water Quality

Mike Minatrea was absent. Matt reported Water production was up 2.69% as compared to the same month in 2013. 40 routine and 12 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. Paymeter station is down 18% in production as compared to the same month last year.

4.3 Finance

Ms. Byerrum reported operating revenue is ahead, due in part to new connections, water sales, and late fees. Expenses are at 15% while at 17% of the budget year.

4.4 General Manager

Mr. Kolisz reported engineering has begun for the equipment shade structure. The District will continue looking into solar to offset electric costs. The District is considering repurposing the old O&M building across the street. Well TP2 has had delays with the installation of the electrical panel, due to items being backordered. The purchase of the new emergency generator will be delayed. The District will also be looking into restrictions regarding the use of the excess grant money once the generator is purchased. Late fees are being applied, but the governor has extended the lock off mandate for non-payment through the end of the year.

5. <u>Future Agenda Items and Staff Tasks/Directors' Comments and Reports</u> None

6. Adjournment

Attest:

On motion by Director Leazer seconded by Director Coghill, and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 4:21 p.m.

Carol Giannini, President

Board of Directors

Ray Kolisz, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District