

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

January 26, 2022 / 4:00 P.M.

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Giannini called the Board meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Those responding to roll call were Bob Coghill, Carol Giannini, and Randy Leazer. Directors Michael Arthur and Suzi Horn were absent. Also present were General Manager Ray Kolisz, Director of Operations Matt Shragge, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes. Treatment/Production Superintendent Mike Minatrea and Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

An audience member led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

1. Presentation and Consideration to Receive and File the Twentynine Palms Water District's Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Audited Financial Statements

Eden Casareno with Eadie and Payne presented the audit. The District had no significant or material deficiencies with internal control, no disagreements with management, and the financial statements presented fairly in accordance to GAAP.

Director Leazer made a motion to receive and file the 2020/2021 audited financial statements, seconded by Director Coghill, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Consideration of Resolution 22-01 Authorizing Grant Application for Well 11B

Staff recommends adopting Resolution 22-01 authoring the grant application. This grant opportunity would fund a water treatment system for Well 11B, removing elevated fluoride levels to meet the California MCL of 2.0 mg/L.

Director Leazer moved to adopt Resolution 22-01 authorizing a grant application for Well 11B, seconded by Director Coghill, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

3. Consideration of Resolution 22-02 Adopting Annual Statement of Investment Policy

The Annual Statement of Investment policy authorizes the District to invest funds and outlines criteria for such investments.

Director Leazer moved to adopt Resolution 22-02 Annual Statement of Investment policy, seconded by Director Coghill, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

4. Consideration of Resolution 22-03 Changing from a Bi-monthly to Monthly Billing Cycle
Staff recommends adopting Resolution 22-03 changing the District's billing cycle to monthly. This will help customers with budgeting home expenses, water usage can be tracked easier and adjusted accordingly, and leaks can be detected sooner. Ray informed the Board that Director Horn conveyed her approval of the resolution.

Director Leazer moved to adopt Resolution 22-03 changing from a bi-monthly to monthly billing cycle, seconded by Director Coghill, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

5. President's Special Recognition Award from ACWA JPIA
The District has been awarded the President's Special Recognition Award for having a loss ratio of 20% or less in the liability and property programs.

6. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on December 15, 2021
- Audit List

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

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

8. Management Reports

8.1 Maintenance

Matt Shragge reported that the District responded to 67 Underground Service Alerts, had 1 water main leak, 1 water meter leak, 0 service line leaks, 2 fire hydrant repair/maintenance, installed 3 new services, replaced 3 customer gate valves, performed 0 leak audits, painted 0 fire hydrants, performed 12 customer pressure checks, replaced 9 meters, Tested and exercised emergency generators and sounded wells for December. 1 water waste inquiry was received. There were no shut offs due to COVID-19. 0 AMI/AMR meters were installed. There was a total of 307 work orders that were processed during the month. Shutoffs for non-payment will resume beginning March 1st. The District has been participating at the local Farmer's Market with a booth promoting water conservation. Matt thanked employees Samantha Russell, Amy Bowe, Neal Stephenson, Ray Kolisz, and Steve Gurney for their assistance.

8.2 Water Quality

Mike Minatrea was absent. Matt reported Water production was up 3.7% as compared to the same month in 2013. 40 routine and 13 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. Production is down 36,000,000 gallons from this same time last year.

8.3 Finance

Ms. Byerrum was absent. Revenues are at 46% with expenditures at 37%. Ray reported water revenues are up, due in part to the new meters. The new AMI meters are more accurate versus the older technology that slows down with time and gives an inaccurate reading.

8.4 General Manager

Mr. Kolisz reported that the District's state application for reimbursement of \$124,000 in arrearages, due to the pandemic, has been approved. Ray wished Director Giannini a Happy Birthday. A special Board meeting will be held tentatively on February 9th. Ray's projected retirement day is April 4th.

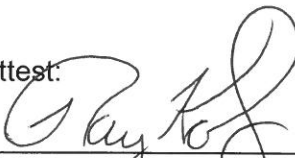
9. Future Agenda Items and Staff Tasks/Directors' Comments and Reports

Director Leazer would like staff to look into new monitors for the dais.


10. Adjournment

On motion by Director Coghill seconded by Director Leazer, and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 4:45 p.m.

Attest:



Ray Kolisz, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District



Carol Giannini, President
Board of Directors