

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

February 22, 2023 / 4:00 P.M.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice President Coghill called the Board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Those responding to roll call were, Michael Arthur, Bob Coghill, Suzi Horn, and Randy Leazer. Director Giannini was absent. Also present were General Manager Matt Shragge, Maintenance Superintendent Mike Minatrea, Treatment/Production Superintendent Robert Shelton, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes. Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Retired Colonel C.J. Horn, led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

1. Public Hearing on Setting Compensation for Members of the Board of Directors and Establishing an Expense and Use of Public Resources Policy

1.1 Board to Hear Public Testamoney at This Time

Director Horn moved to open the Public Hearing at 4:00 p.m., seconded by Director Leazer, and unanimously approved by all those present. Director Giannini was absent.

There being no public comment, Director Horn moved to close the public hearing at 4:00 p.m., seconded by Director Arthur, and unanimously approved by all those present. Director Giannini was absent.

2. Consider Ordinance 103 Setting Compensation for Members of the Board of Directors and Establishing an Expense and Use of Public Resources Policy

Director Leazer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 103 setting compensation for members of the Board of Directos and establishing an Expense and Use of Public Resouces Policy, seconded by Director Arthur, and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Arthur, Coghill, Horn, and Leazer

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Giannini

3. Approve Resolution 23-02 an Amendment to Contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System and the Board of Directors of the Twentynine Palms Water District

Staff recommends approving Resolution 23-02 with the intent to terminate the contract with CalPERS to close the CalPERS Fire Plan. Due to a possible conflict of interest, Director Coghill recused himself and left the room.

Director Arthur made a motion to approve Resolution 23-02 an Amendment to Contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System and the Board of Directors Twentynine Palms Water District, seconded by Director Leazer, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

City Manager, Frank Luckino, explained the procedure for terminating the plan.

4. Discussion of Collections for Bad Debt

Historically the District would pursue bad debt for unpaid water bills through a debt collection agency with little to no success. Water Districts are moving away from tenent responsibility for unpaid water bills and making the property owners responsible. Staff is looking for direction for possible policy change on collecting bad debt for unpaid water bills.

Director Leazer was opposed to making homeowners responsible for their renters unpaid water bills.

The Board was in agreement to bring the item back for further discussion.

5. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on January 25, 2023
- Audit List

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

6. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar for Discussion or Separate Action

None

7. Management Reports

7.1 Maintenance

Mike Minatrea reported that the District responded to 19 Underground Service Alerts, had 1 water main leak, 0 water meter leaks, 1 service line leak, 2 fire hydrant repairs/maintenance, installed 3 new services, replaced 3 customer gate valves, performed 2 leak audits, painted 10 fire hydrants, performed 7 customer pressure checks, replaced 7 meter dials, Tested and exercised emergency generators and sounded wells for January. 0 water waste inquiries were received. 2 AMI/AMR meters were replaced. There was a total of 840 work orders that were processed during the month. There was \$11,680.00 in past due water bills for the month of January.

7.2 Water Quality

Robert Shelton reported water production was down 18.67% as compared to the same month in 2013. 50 routine and 16 special water samples were taken. All routine samples tested negative for Colilert. The fluoride variance of 3.0 mg/L will

expire in March of 2023. All current wells meet the 2.0 mg/L standard variance set by the State Water Resource Control Board.

7.3 Finance

Cindy Byerrum was absent. Matt reported the District is at 50% of the year with revenues at 50% and expenditures at 45%. The District was awarded a \$38,000.00 grant that is posted as a reimbursement for money already expended.

7.4 General Manager

Matt and Mike met with two engineers from Kennedy Jenks and gave them a tour of the District. Matt met with a GIS representative and discussed the District's needs. Matt commended field staff for their work exchanging media at the Fluoride Treatment Plant. The shade structures are in production.

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

There were none.

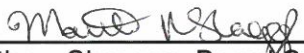
9. Adjournment

On motion by Director Horn, seconded by Director Arthur, and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 4:31 p.m.



Bob Coghill, Vice President
Board of Directors

Attest:



Matthew Shragge, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District