

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

**April 24, 2024 / 4:00 P.M.**

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Kurt Schauppner led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

1. Consideration to Accept Mainline Extension

Staff recommends accepting the Split Rock Avenue mainline extension installed by the Van Dyke Corporation. The contractor met the District's standards and specifications for the installation of the mainline extension.

Director Woods made a motion to accept the Split Rock Avenue mainline extension, seconded by Director Arthur, and approved unanimously.

2. Discussion of Annexation

The District is considering two annexation projects. One is a private land owner who has reached out to the District inquiring about annexation. All costs associated with the annexation would be at the land owner's expense. The second consideration is property the District owns outside of District boundaries. The process would begin with a resolution from the Board to LAFCO.

After discussion, the Board was in agreement to consider annexations into the District.

3. Discussion of Meter Cost Payment Plans

Fire suppression dictates the size of the meter. Costs can vary depending on the size of the meter and circumstances involved with the installation.

After discussion, the Board was not in favor of payment plans.

4. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on March 27, 2024
- Audit List

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

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

None

6. Management Reports

6.1 Maintenance

Matt reported that the District responded to 61 Underground Service Alerts, had 0 water main leaks, 1 water meter leak, 0 service line leaks, 2 fire hydrant repairs/maintenance, installed 0 new services, replaced 34 customer gate valves, performed 3 leak audits, painted 0 fire hydrants, performed 7 customer pressure checks, replaced 4 water meters, Tested and exercised emergency generators and sounded wells for March. 0 water waste inquiries were received. 0 AMI/AMR meters were replaced. There was a total of 610 work orders that were processed during the month.

6.2 Water Quality

Matt reported water production was down 29.61% as compared to the same month in 2013. 40 routine and 10 special water samples were taken. All special samples tested negative for Colilert. All current wells meet the 2.0 mg/L standard fluoride variance set by the State Water Resource Control Board. All samples tested were below the variance.

6.3 Finance

Matt reported the budget is at 67% of the year. Revenues are at 73% with expenditures at 67%.

6.4 General Manager


Matt reported the Ditch Witch vacuum excavator has been delivered. The stolen generator has been repaired, at an approximate cost of \$30,000, and is here at the District. On Friday, Albert A. Webb Associates will walk the redundant reservoir project site. Matt was in Sacramento on April 17<sup>th</sup>, when the State Water Resource Control Board adopted a 10 parts per billion mcl for chromium 6. Matt spoke to the lack of funding available to meet the new standard and the compliance period for the new mcl.

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

None

8. Adjournment

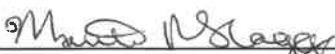
On motion by Director Arthur, seconded by Director Coghill, and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 4:39 p.m.



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Carol Giannini, President  
Board of Directors

Attest:



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Matthew Shragge, Board Secretary  
Twentynine Palms Water District