

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

June 26, 2024 / 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, Randy Leazer, and Amy Woods. Also present were General Manager Matt Shragge, Maintenance Superintendent Mike Minatrea, Treatment/Production Superintendent Robert Shelton, Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Karalee Hargrove led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

1. Public Hearing on Proposed Continuation of Water Availability Assessment
1.1 Board to Hear Public Testimony at This Time

Director Arthur moved to open the Public Hearing at 4:02 p.m., seconded by Director Giannini, and unanimously approved.

There being no public comment, Director Woods moved to close the public hearing at 4:03 p.m., seconded by Director Arthur, and unanimously approved.

2. Consider Resolution 24-03 Continuing the Current Existing Level of Water Availability Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Director Leazer made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-03 continuing the current existing level of Water Availability Assessments for fiscal year 2024/2025, seconded by Director Giannini, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

3. Approving Resolution 24-04 and Adopting the Proposed Budget and Compensation Plan of the Twentynine Palms Water District for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Director Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-04 fiscal year 2024-2025 Annual Budget and Compensation Plan, seconded by Director Arthur, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Absent: None

4. Emergency Purchase of a New Motor at Treatment Plant

The motor in the South booster station at the finish water reservoir is beginning to fail. Staff recommends that the District purchase a new 250 Hp motor from Sulzer for \$28,177.70. The current fiscal budget has funds available in the Capital Improvement Plan, under Unspecified Emergency Repairs.

After discussion, Director Arthur made a motion for the emergency purchase of the new motor from Sulzer in the amount of \$28,177.70, seconded by Director Giannini, and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Arthur, Coghill, Leazer, Woods, and Giannini

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on May 22, 2024
- Audit List

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

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

None

7. Management Reports

7.1 Maintenance

Mike reported that the District responded to 59 Underground Service Alerts, had 0 water main leaks, 1 water meter leak, 0 service line leaks, 0 fire hydrant repairs/maintenance, installed 4 new services, replaced 6 customer gate valves, performed 4 leak audits, painted 38 fire hydrants, performed 7 customer pressure checks, replaced 5 water meters, Tested and exercised emergency generators and sounded wells for May. 1 water waste inquiry was received. 2 AMI/AMR meters were replaced. There was a total of 522 work orders that were processed during the month. There was a 22% decrease (158,000 gallons) in consumption from the pay meter station for the month of May.

7.2 Water Quality

Robert reported water production was down 22.73% as compared to the same month in 2013. 40 routine and 13 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.

7.3 Finance

Cindy reported the District is trending ahead primarily due to investments in CLASS, with a 5.5% interest rate.

7.4 General Manager
Matt conducted a tour of the District with Noble from GIS who brought clients from Bangladesh and the Philippines. Matt met with the General Manager of CADIZ, Susan Kennedy and discussed groundwater storage. The District installed five new services at the new hotel site. Matt reported that maintenance staff wanted to thank the Board for the new vacuum trailer.

8. Closed Session: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Per Government Code § 54957)

Title: General Manager

Director Woods moved to enter closed session for Agenda items #8 and #9 at 4:25 p.m., seconded by Director Arthur, and unanimously approved.

9. Closed Session-Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representative: Matthew Shragge, General Manager

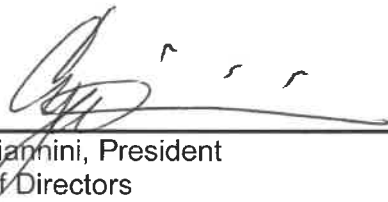
Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees ("AFSCME") Local 1902

The Board returned to open session at 8:24 p.m. Director Giannini announced there was no reportable action for Agenda item #8 in accordance to the Brown Act.

President Giannini announced the Board voted 5-0 on Agenda item #9 to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Twentynine Palms Water District and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). The term of the agreement is from June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2028.


10. Future Agenda Items and Staff Tasks/Directors' Comments and Reports
Director Woods would like a feasibility study on health insurance for the Board.

11. Adjournment
On motion by Director Coghill, seconded by Director Leazer, and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 8:26 p.m.



Carol Giannini, President
Board of Directors

Attest:



Matthew Shragge, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District