

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

**August 28, 2024 / 4:00 P.M.**

Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice President Bob Coghill called the Board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Those responding to roll call were Michael Arthur, Bob Coghill, and Randy Leazer. Directors Carol Giannini and Amy Woods were 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

Yasmeen Nubani led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

1. Legislative Affairs Update

Yasmeen Nubani with Ortega Strategies Group and Community Water Systems Alliance provided the Board with an update on legislative affairs including the following:

SB1255 – Would require all water district to provide a 20% credit for low income residents. This bill automatically opts in all rate payers to contribute a fee to subsidize low income customers. The bill is stalled in appropriations but is expected to return next year. This bill is being opposed.

Bond Bill – This will appear on the ballot which includes provisions for safe drinking water, drought, and flood.

Extending deadlines for hexavalent chromium for disadvantage communities. This bill is not moving forward at this time.

Water Action Day in April - Cal Mutual and the Community Water System Alliance attended the hexavalent chromium hearing. Three oral comments were made. Matt was in attendance and spoke in opposition. More action is being taken on the bill. 4 comments letters were also sent in opposition of the bill.

Making Conservation a Way of Life – three comment letters and three oral comments were made with concerns. Implementation for communities like Twentynine Palms will be a large undertaking.

2. Approval of Amendment to the Master Service Agreement between Twentynine Palms Water District and Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc.

Staff recommends approving the amendment to include consulting on the Geotracker website as needed by the District and updating the 2024 Groundwater Management Plan.

Director Arthur made a motion to approve an amendment to the Master Service Agreement between Twentynine Palms Water District and Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc., seconded by Director Leazer, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

3. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on July 24, 2024
- Audit List

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

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

5. Management Reports

5.1 Maintenance

Mike reported that the District responded to 97 Underground Service Alerts, had 2 water main leaks, 2 water meter leaks, 1 service line leak, 3 fire hydrant repairs/maintenance, installed 0 new services, replaced 6 customer gate valves, performed 4 leak audits, painted 0 fire hydrants, performed 7 customer pressure checks, replaced 6 water meters, Tested and exercised emergency generators and sounded wells for July. 0 water waste inquiries were received. 0 AMI/AMR meters were replaced. There was a total of 622 work orders that were processed during the month. The main tie-in to the treatment plant was repaired.

5.2 Water Quality

Robert reported water production was down 13.82% as compared to the same month in 2013. 50 routine and 17 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.

5.3 Finance

Cindy Byerrum was absent.

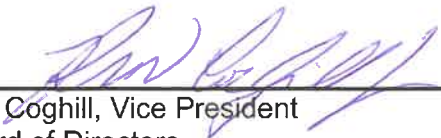
5.4 General Manager

Matt reported that District staff completed mainline extensions and repaired over 200 ft. of pipe due to the recent storms. Webb Engineering is working on completing the design report for the Treatment Plant redundant reservoir project. Well 14 has been repaired and is expected to be online next week. The new motor at the Treatment Plant has been set. Staff was thanked for their work during Matt's absence while he was on vacation. Matt wished Karen Coghill a Happy Birthday. Matt and Director Coghill will be attending the CSDA Conference in September.

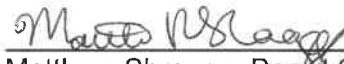
6. Future Agenda Items and Staff Tasks/Directors' Comments and Reports  
None

7. Adjournment

On motion by Director Arthur, seconded by Director Leazer, and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at: 4:29 p.m.

  
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Bob Coghill, Vice President  
Board of Directors

Attest:

  
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Matthew Shragge, Board Secretary  
Twentynine Palms Water District