

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

April 22, 2026 / 4:00 P.M.

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Bob Coghill called the Board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Those responding to roll call were Directors Larry Bowden, Bob Coghill, Randy Leazer, and Amy Woods. Director Michael Arthur was absent. Also present were General Manager Matt Shragge, Director of Operations Mike Minatrea, Financial Consultant Scott Nelsen, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Matthew Shragge led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

1. Authorize General Manager to Execute Contract with Starting Line Advisory for Accounting and Financial Consulting Services

Staff recommends approving the General Manager to execute the contract with Starting Line Advisory.

Director Woods made a motion to authorize the General Manager to execute the contract with Starting Line Advisory for accounting and financial consulting services in the amount of \$7,250.00 per month, seconded by Director Bowden, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on February 25, 2026
- Audit List

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

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

None

4. Management Reports

4.1 Maintenance

Mike reported that the District responded to 43 Underground Service Alerts, had 0 water main leaks, 0 water meter leaks, 0 service line leaks, 4 fire hydrant repairs/maintenance, installed 2 new services, replaced 8 customer gate valves, performed 3 leak audits, painted 78 fire hydrants, performed 6 customer pressure checks, replaced 7 water meters, Tested and exercised emergency generators and sounded wells for March. 0 water waste inquiries were received. There was a total of 649 work orders processed during the month.

4.2 Water Quality

Mike reported water production was down 12.93% as compared to the same month in 2013. 50 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.

4.3 Finance

Scott Nelsen reported on February financials. At 67% of the fiscal year, the total revenues were at 67% with total operating expenditures trending below expectation at 63%. Cash investments in LAIF are for primary and secondary infrastructure.

4.4 General Manager

Matt reported he attended Coffee with Dawn Rowe. Matt participated in the Water Technology course review at Copper Mountain College. Matt participated in a FOG (Fats Oil Grease) discussion with the City. The City is looking at revising the plot maps for 137 lots in Desert Knoll off Two Mile. Matt has been involved in monthly communication with City Planning staff. Van Dyke is ready to begin work on the redundant water treatment reservoir and booster pump station project.

5. Closed Session: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Per Government Code § 54957)
Director Bowden moved to enter closed session at 4:19 p.m., seconded by Director Woods, and unanimously approved.


The Board returned to open session at 5:25 p.m. Director Coghill announced there was no reportable action.

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

Director Coghill announced that the August Board meeting will be in direct conflict with the CSDA Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase and will need to be cancelled. The Board is looking to move the July meeting from the 22nd to the 15th. Staff was asked to include these items on a future agenda.

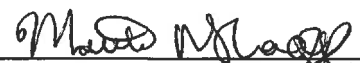
7. Adjournment

On motion by Director Bowden, seconded by Director Woods, and approved by the Board, the regular and special meetings were adjourned at 5:29 p.m.



Bob Coghill, President
Board of Directors

Attest:



Matthew Shragge, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District