

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

**JULY 24, 2013**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Moore called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m., 72401 Hatch Road, Twentynine Palms, California. Those responding to roll call were Bo Bourikas, Chancey Chambers, Philip Cisneros, Sam Moore, and Roger Shinaver. Also present were Fire Chief Jim Thompson and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes. Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum was absent.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

Ed Vallerand, of Twentynine Palms, spoke to a non-agenda item regarding several points including the hours of work for the Fire Department and mileage reimbursement.

1. Closed Session – Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Pursuant to Section 54957 of the California Government Code

Title: Fire Chief

Director Moore moved to enter closed session to discuss Agenda item #1 public employee performance evaluation pursuant to section 54957 of the California government code, and Agenda item #2 conference with labor negotiators pursuant to government code section 54957.6 at 7:26 p.m., seconded by Director Shinaver and unanimously approved.

2. Closed Session – Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

The Board returned to open session at 8:15 p.m. Director Moore announced Chief Thompson was given a rating of "very good" on his performance evaluation and no other reportable action was taken.

Director Moore announced that there was no reportable action for Agenda item #2.

3. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 26, 2013
- Audit List

Director Cisneros moved to adopt the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director Shinaver and approved unanimously.

4. Items Removed From the Consent Calendar for Discussion or Separate Action

None

5. Department Reports

5.1 Fire Chief's Report

Chief Thompson reported the Department responded to 190 calls for assistance during June. June is the first month that the department is operating solely out of the down town station. Chief Thompson will begin tracking the number of response calls for the brush patrol (quick attack) unit. The Explorers participated in the Inland Empire Fire Explorer Association muster in Hemet. Engineer Martin and Captain Marquez were thanked for taking over the Explorer program. Explorers meet alternating Mondays and Saturdays.

5.2 Citizens' Advisory Committee

Chairman, Adam Lunn, informed the Board that the committee has explored several different funding mechanisms and the possibility of a joint powers authority (JPA), as well as taking a more aggressive public relations approach to informing the community of the need for a new ballot measure. The Board and staff were thanked for their hard work. Mr. Lunn recognized that the Board had to make some difficult decisions.

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

Director Moore would like county mutual aid responses on the next agenda.

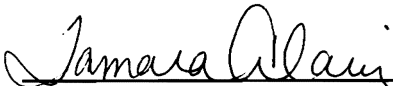
Director Cisneros informed Chairman Lunn of a four year limit on special tax ballot measures that contain an escalating tax rate.

7. Adjournment

On motion by Director Shinaver seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

  
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Keffron E. Moore, President  
Board of Directors

Attest:

  
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Tamara Alaniz, Board Secretary  
Twentynine Palms Water District