

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

**JANUARY 27, 2016**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Moore called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m., 72401 Hatch Road, Twentynine Palms, California. Those responding to roll call were Directors Chancey Chambers, Carol Giannini, Suzi Horn, 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 in favor of local fire control.

1. Closed Session - Conference With Labor Negotiators - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: Fire Chief Jim Thompson

Employee Organization: Twentynine Palms Professional Fire Fighters  
IAFF Local 4266

Director Shinaver moved to enter closed session at 6:31 p.m., seconded by Director Horn, and unanimously approved.

The Board returned to open session at 6:50 p.m. Director Moore announced there was no reportable action.

2. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Memorandum of Understanding Between Twentynine Palms Water District and Twentynine Palms Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 4266

Agenda Item was deleted with no action to be taken.

3. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the Rescheduled Meeting held on December 16, 2015
- Audit List

Director Shinaver moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director Horn, and approved unanimously.

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

5. Department Reports

5.1 Finance

Chief Thompson reported that the majority of expenses is tracking as expected. Fire Protection Special Tax revenue is starting to come in for the fiscal year.

5.2 Fire Chief's Report

Chief Thompson reported the Department responded to 245 calls for assistance during December. Total call volume for the year was 2,358. The brush patrol vehicle has been repaired. The District paid for the repairs and ACWA/JPIA will reimburse the District minus the deductible. Chief attended the City's Strategic Planning Workshop and made the following recommendations: Consider changing the methodology behind calculating the fire impact fees; The Opticom systems must be maintained and other emergency service providers may want to install devices on their vehicles. The local Mojave Vipers youth group was taught the teen CERT class and camped out at the Lear Fire Station. Captain Marquez was recognized for his involvement with the Mojave Vipers.

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

Director Giannini was approached by a member of the public asking that the Board consider placing fire protection proposals on next month's agenda.

Director Moore would like District counsel's opinion on the matter.

The Board unanimously agreed that it would be best to speak to the matter during public comments at the next Board meeting.

7. Adjournment

On motion by Director Shinaver seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

  
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Kerron E. Moore, President  
Board of Directors

Attest:

  
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Ray Kolisz, Board Secretary  
Twentynine Palms Water District

APPROVED FEB 24 2016