

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

**APRIL 24, 2013**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Moore called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m., 72401 Hatch Road, Twentynine Palms, California. Those responding to roll call were Chancey Chambers, Philip Cisneros, Sam Moore, and Roger Shinaver. Director Bourikas was absent. Also present were Fire Chief Jim Thompson, Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

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

Agency Designated Representatives: Fire Chief Jim Thompson and Legal Counsel Joseph Sanchez  
Employee Organization: Twentynine Palms Professional Fire Fighters, IAFF Local 4266

Director Shinaver moved to enter closed session at 7:01 p.m., seconded by Director Cisneros and unanimously approved.

The Board returned to open session at 7:08 p.m. Director Moore announced that there was nothing to report.

2. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between Twentynine Palms Water District and Twentynine Palms Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 4266

Director Cisneros moved to approve the MOU between the Twentynine Palms Water District and the Twentynine Palms Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 4266, seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Director Chambers, Cisneros, Moore, and Shinaver
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Director Bourikas

3. Approval of Resolution 13-04 for Employer Paid Member Contributions (EPMC)

Chief Thompson informed the Board there was a typo in the body of the resolution. Effective June 8, 2014, employees will pay the additional 4.5% of normal member contributions, not 7%.

Director Chambers made a motion to approve resolution 13-04 with the amendment reflecting 4.5% for employer paid member contributions, seconded by Director Cisneros and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Director Chambers, Cisneros, Moore, and Shinaver
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Director Bourikas

4. Approval of Resolution 13-05 to Tax Defer Member Paid Contributions – IRC 414(h)(2) Employer Pick-Up

Approval of this resolution will allow employee paid contributions to be tax deferred for both Water and Fire employees.

Director Shinaver made a motion to approve resolution 13-05 allowing employee paid contributions to be tax deferred, seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Director Chambers, Cisneros, Moore, and Shinaver
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None

Absent: Director Bourikas

5. Report, Discussion, and Possible Action on Personnel Changes, Impact on Current Service Level, and Implementation of a Service Level Reduction

Chief Thompson provided the Board with an update on staffing levels. With two full time firefighters tending their resignation, the department is no longer able to effectively staff both stations seven days a week with an engine company. Service levels will be reduced to five personnel per day to provide coverage on the brush patrol and one engine. Chief Thompson proposed to close operations at Station 422 effective June 1, 2013. The station will still host CPR and certification training classes.

Having no other viable alternative, it was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the closure of Station 422.

6. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 27, 2013 and Minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 10, 2013
- Audit List

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

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

None

8. Department Reports

8.1 Fire Chief's Report

Chief Thompson reported the Department responded to 187 calls for assistance during March. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a success. Annual school inspections are ongoing. The Citizen's Advisory Committee met on April 10, 2013. Several ideas were proposed and are being researched. The Committee will be meeting again on May 8, 2013, at 6:00 pm. Meetings are open to the public.

8.2 Finance Report

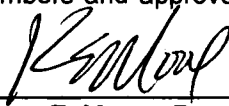
Ms. Byerrum, Financial Consultant, reported that the deficit is larger than what was budgeted but will be offset somewhat by property tax assessments.

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

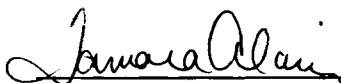
Director Chambers stated that with deficit spending and without an inflation adjuster, service levels have to be cut. He advised citizens to attend the Advisory Committee meetings and get involved. Director Shinaver would like to see fire calls in the newspaper again. Director Cisneros advised Chief Thompson to do the best he can with the resources he has.

10. Adjournment

On motion by Director Shinaver seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

  
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Kerron E. Moore, President  
Board of Directors

Attest:

  
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Tamara Alaniz, Board Secretary  
Twentynine Palms Water District

**APPROVED MAY 22 2013**