

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

JUNE 26, 2013

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Moore called the meeting to order at 6:55 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, Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

Mr. Ed Vallerand, of Twentynine Palms, spoke to a non-agenda item regarding the CPI inflation adjuster used at the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

1. Approve Resolution 13-10 Adopting the Proposed Budget of the Twentynine Palms Fire Department for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Chief Thompson informed the Board that there was a change to volunteer reimbursements which resulted in an increase in volunteer operations of approximately \$5,000. The stipends are an incentive used to keep experienced volunteers. Chief Thompson also clarified the term brush patrol. It is a smaller (quick attack) unit that can respond to medical aids and various incidents. Volunteers are being used as drivers on the brush patrol. In return, the meal allowance provision was eliminated and the mileage reimbursement rate was raised to the federal limit of \$.565 per mile with a limit of 160 miles per 24 hour shift.

Ms. Byerrum clarified that the apparatus reserves line item is funded by the capital contribution from the special fund.

After discussion, Director Cisneros moved to approve resolution 13-10 adopting the proposed budget of the Twentynine Palms Fire Department for fiscal year 2013-2014, seconded by Director Shinaver and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Approve Resolution 13-11 Establishing the Appropriations Limit for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for the Twentynine Palms Fire Department of the Twentynine Palms Water District in Accordance with the Provisions of Division 9 of Title 1 of the California Government Code

The Gann Limit is a yearly constitutional requirement that sets the statutory spending limits based on per capita income and growth population figures. The appropriations limit for fiscal year 2013/2014 is \$1,836,224.

Director Bourikas moved to approve resolution 13-11 establishing the appropriations limit for the fiscal year 2013-2014 for the Twentynine Palms Fire Department, seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

3. Approve Resolution 13-12 Setting the Stipend and Reimbursement Rates for Volunteer Personnel of the Twentynine Palms Fire Department for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and Rescinding Resolution 12-11

Chief Thompson recommends adopting the resolution as a means to keep experienced reserve firefighters. Chief Thompson is working to re-establish in town paid call firefighters. Paid call firefighters do not get mileage reimbursement.

Mr. Ed Vallerand, of Twentynine Palms, spoke against approving Agenda item #3.

After discussion, Director Bourikas moved to approve resolution 13-12 setting the stipend and reimbursement rates for volunteer personnel of the Twentynine Palms Fire Department for fiscal year 2013-2014, seconded by Director Cisneros and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

4. Approve Contract with CONFIRE Joint Powers Authority for Dispatch Services

Chief Thompson informed the Board that costs, for a second year in a row, have been reduced by 8.2%. All terms of the contract remain the same as the existing contract. It is recommended that the contract be approved.

Director Shinaver moved to approve the contract with CONFIRE Joint Powers Authority for dispatch services, seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

5. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 22, 2013
- Audit List

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

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

7. Department Reports

7.1 Fire Chief's Report

Chief Thompson reported the Department responded to 182 calls for assistance during May. June is the first month of operations solely out of the down town station. Improvements were made to the "quick attack" and the 1993 E-One fire engine. Chief reminded the public this weekend is expected to be extremely hot. The senior center will open as a cooling center, if need be.

7.2 Finance Report

Ms. Byerrum, Financial Consultant, reported that the budget is tracking with a deficit of \$115,000 instead of the projected \$240,000.

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

Director Shinaver questioned the number of firefighter volunteers and their longevity with the department.

Director Moore commented that he liked the return of the fire calls in the newspaper.

Director Cisneros would like to see tribal water rights on the next water agenda.

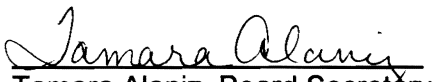
9. Adjournment

On motion by Director Cisneros seconded by Director Shinaver and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



Kerron E. Moore, President
Board of Directors

Attest:


Tamara Alaniz, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District

APPROVED JUL 24 2013