

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

APRIL 23, 2014

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Moore called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m., 72401 Hatch Road, Twentynine Palms, California. Those responding to roll call were Directors Bo Bourikas, Chancey Chambers, Suzi Horn, 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. Douglas Rawlings, of Twentynine Palms, spoke in favor of the Fire Department and a paid subscription fire service.

1. Consideration and Possible Action on Fire Department Projected Future Expenses, Future Revenue Requirements, and Options for Special Fire Tax Ballot Measure

Chief Thompson presented the Board with three options, with and without an inflation adjuster, as requested by the Board during the Special Board Meeting held on March 29, 2014, as well as a fourth option should the Board decide not to pursue a tax measure. Chief Thompson recommends the Board consider all options and allow a marketing firm to research and survey the community to find a favorable and viable option.

Ed Vallerand, of Twentynine Palms, spoke to Agenda Item #1 in favor of Option 2.

Adam Lunn, of Twentynine Palms, spoke to Agenda Item #1 in favor of asking the City for help.

Rosalie Pfeiffer, of Twentynine Palms, spoke to Agenda Item #1 against the inclusion of a COLA in the proposed options and in favor of a flat rate.

After discussion, the Board was in agreement that public education and the possible hiring of a marketing firm should be considered before making a decision to move forward on a special fire tax measure.

2. Consideration and Possible Action on Request for Proposals for Voter Survey, Outreach and Education on Proposed Fire Tax Measure

If the Board chooses to proceed with review of the proposals, Chief Thompson recommends staff and a committee of two Board members meet to develop a recommendation for possible selection of a firm and present that recommendation to the Board at a special board meeting to be held no later than May 1, 2014.

After discussion, the Board was in agreement to hold a Special Board Meeting on April 30, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. to review the submitted marketing proposals.

3. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 26, 2014 and Minutes of the Special Workshop Meeting held on March 29, 2014
- Audit List

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

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

5. Department Reports

5.1 Finance Report

Ms. Cindy Byerrum, Financial Consultant, reported that the budget is tracking as expected.

5.2 Fire Chief's Report

Chief Thompson reported the Department responded to 184 calls for assistance during March. There was one structure fire during the month at the Singing Trees Mobile Home Park. The Fire Department and Fire Explorers put on the Easter egg hunt with over 600 participants at this year's event. The Fire Explorers raise money through the annual Pancake Breakfast, along with contributions from the Fire Union, make the event possible.

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


Director Chambers clarified the Board's decision to keep the Fire Department and stop divestiture to the County.

Director Bourikas would like to look into splitting the cost of a ballot measure with the City and allow the voters to decide funding for their local Fire Department.

Director Moore suggests approaching the City with a dollar amount and asking for their financial assistance. Chief Thompson was directed to research and present the Board with an amount at the Special Meeting on April 30, 2014.

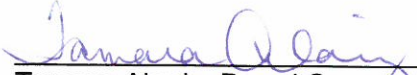
7. Adjournment

On motion by Director Shinaver, seconded by Director Moore and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Kerron E. Moore, President
Board of Directors

Attest:



Tamara Alaniz, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District