

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

FEBRUARY 25, 2015 / 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., 72401 Hatch Road, Twentynine Palms, California. Those responding to roll call were Directors Chancey Chambers, Carol Giannini, Suzi Horn, and Sam Moore. Director Roger Shinaver was absent. Also present were Acting General Manager/Operations Manager Ray Kolisz, Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Moore led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

1. Closed Session – Public Employee Appointment/Employment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: Interim General Manager/General Manager

Director Chambers moved to enter closed session at 6:01 p.m., seconded by Director Horn and unanimously approved.

2. Closed Session - Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6

Agency designated representative: Joseph Sanchez, legal counsel
Unrepresented employee: Interim General Manager/General Manager

The Board returned to open session at 6:41 p.m. Director Moore announced that the Board agreed to appoint Ray Kolisz as Interim General Manager.

3. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Employment Agreement with Interim General Manager/General Manager

Director Chambers made a motion to appoint Ray Kolisz as the Interim General Manager, seconded by Director Horn and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Directors Chambers, Giannini, Horn, and Moore
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Director Shinaver

4. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Designation, Authorization, and Approval for an Interim General Manager to Take Certain Actions Including, but not Limited to, Signature Authority for Certain Accounts or Transactions

Director Horn made a motion to delete Tamara Alaniz and approve the signing authority of the Interim General Manager, Ray Kolisz, seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Chambers, Giannini, Horn, and Moore
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Director Shinaver

5. Appointment of Board Secretary

Director Chambers moved to appoint Interim General Manager, Ray Kolisz, as Board Secretary, seconded by Director Horn and approved unanimously.

6. Customer Request to Address Board on High Usage Bill – Account #005221-000

Due to a broken pipe, this customer received a \$1,178.98 water bill. Customer is requesting an extended payment agreement for a 24 month period. It would be an additional \$49.12 a month for the outstanding balance in addition to their monthly usage.

Director Chambers approved the payment agreement request, seconded by Director Horn and approved unanimously.

7. Approve Director(s) to Attend ACWA/JPIA and ACWA Spring Conferences (May 4-8, 2015) and to Provide Daily Meeting Stipend

Director Moore moved to approve Director Giannini and Director Horn to attend the ACWA/JPIA and ACWA spring conferences May 4-8, 2015 and to provide daily meeting stipend, seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Chambers, Giannini, Horn, and Moore
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Director Shinaver

8. Consideration and Possible Action to Adjust Public Hearing Date in Regards to Proposed Rate Increase

Due to the time required to prepare proposed rate increase notices, rate calculations, and accompanying material in compliance with Proposition 218, staff provided the Board with two options for changing the Public Hearing and proposed rate increase implementation dates.

Director Giannini moved to postpone the Public Hearing until November 18, 2015 with the proposed rate increase implementation of December 1, 2015, seconded by Director Horn and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Chambers, Giannini, Horn, and Moore
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Director Shinaver

9. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 28, 2015 and Minutes of a Special Meeting on February 4, 2015
- Audit List

Director Giannini moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director Chambers and approved unanimously.

10. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar for Discussion or Separate Action
None

11. Management Reports

11.1 Operations

Mr. Kolisz reported that the District responded to 26 Underground Service Alerts, had 0 water main leaks, replaced 10 customer gate valves, performed 4 leak audits, and painted 45 fire hydrants. Mr. Kolisz informed the Board that project Well 7B may come in over budget as indicated by the engineering estimate and requested approval to move forward.

The Board was in agreement with moving forward with the Well 7B project.

11.2 Finance

Ms. Byerrum reported on the December financial statements. Operating expenses are at 48%.

11.3 General Manager


Mr. Kolisz informed the Board that during the 2 ½ year pilot study at the Treatment Plant it has been discovered that there is a cost savings in using a larger size media as it outperforms the current mesh media. The District will continue replacing the media, as needed, moving forward.

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

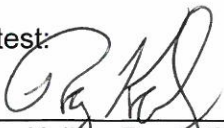
Director Giannini would like to address the \$1 customer charge for the online bill pay at the next Board meeting.

13. Adjournment

On motion by Director Horn seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.


Kerron E. Moore, President
Board of Directors

Attest:


Ray Kolisz, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District

APPROVED MAR 2 5 2015