

**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, 2010**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Cisneros called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m., 72401 Hatch Road, Twentynine Palms, California. Those responding to roll call were Directors Chancey Chambers, Philip Cisneros, Chris Gallagher, Sam Moore and Roger Shinaver. Also present were Fire Chief Jim Thompson, Financial Consultant Wayne Jones and District Secretary Paula Rogers.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

1. Mid-Year Budget Review

Mr. Jones reviewed the significant elements of the budget implemented during the first six months of the fiscal year. He projected the Department would end the fiscal year with a favorable change in fund balance of \$14,357. Mr. Jones highlighted economic issues, interest rates and donations related to changes in the budget. Mr. Jones commended the Chief for his close tracking of employee overtime and for his ability to absorb the loss of an apparatus engine within the annual budget. Mr. Jones also added the Chief continues to work with the County regarding the cost of dispatch fees. Director Cisneros stated Chief Thompson does a superb job with his Staff and with keeping costs down. Mr. Jones responded to questions from the Board.

2. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the Rescheduled Meeting held on December 16, 2009 and a Special Meeting held on January 11, 2010
- Audit List

Director Moore moved to adopt the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director Gallagher and approved unanimously.

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

None

4. Department Reports

4.1 Fire Chief's Report

Chief Thompson reported the Department responded to 202 calls for assistance during the month of December, for a total of 2477 calls during 2009. Chief Thompson reported that Captain Quinalty's last day with the Department is January 29<sup>th</sup> as he has taken a position with the Upland Fire Department. Chief Thompson thanked Captain Quinalty for his eight years of service with the Department. Chief Thompson stated the Department has hired a former employee, Lee Martin, and added that Engineer Martin has the asset of a paramedic certification.

4.2 Finance Report

The Board did not have any questions regarding the finance report. Mr. Jones responded to questions regarding the audit list.

4.2.1 Grant Status Report

Chief Thompson stated the County received a request from the State regarding the Homeland Security Grant application. The Department responded accordingly and the application process continues.

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

Chief Thompson responded to questions from the Board regarding campfires. Director Shinaver questioned Chief Thompson regarding the County's response related to the Development Impact Fee Study. Chief Thompson stated that to date, the Department has not received a response from the County.

6. Adjournment

On motion by Director Moore, seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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Philip C. Cisneros, President  
Board of Directors

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Mike Wright, Board Secretary  
Twenty-nine Palms Water District