

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

MAY 27, 2009

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Cisneros called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m., 72401 Hatch Road, Twentynine Palms, California. Those responding to roll call were Directors Alan Anthony, Philip Cisneros, Chris Gallagher, Sam Moore and Jim Yockey. Also present were Fire Chief Jim Thompson, Financial Consultant Wayne Jones and District Secretary Paula Rogers.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

1. Proposed Budget for Fiscal 2009/2010

A. Review of Second Draft

Mr. Jones stated a second draft was prepared due to an oversight related to budgeting for volunteer operations.

B. Approve Resolution 09-11 Approving and Adopting the Proposed Budget of the Twentynine Palms Fire Department for Fiscal 2009-2010

Director Gallagher made a motion to approve Resolution 09-11, seconded by Director Yockey and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Anthony, Cisneros, Gallagher, Moore and Yockey

Noes: None

2. Approve Resolution 09-12 Establishing the Appropriations Limit for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 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

Following discussion, Director Yockey made a motion to approve Resolution 09-12, seconded by Director Gallagher and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Anthony, Cisneros, Gallagher, Moore and Yockey

Noes: None

3. Approve Resolution 09-13 Setting the Reimbursement Schedule for Volunteer Personnel of the Twentynine Palms Fire Department for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and Rescinding Resolution 08-06

Following discussion, Director Gallagher made a motion to approve Resolution 09-13, seconded by Director Anthony and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Anthony, Cisneros, Gallagher, Moore and Yockey

Noes: None

4. Discuss June Regular Meeting Date

Chief Thompson stated he has a number of time sensitive items for the June agenda and requested the Fire Department Business meeting be rescheduled to earlier in the month. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to reschedule the Fire Department Business meeting to June 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

5. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 22, 2009
- Audit List

Director Anthony moved to adopt the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director Moore 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 221 calls for assistance during the month of April. Chief Thompson added that the number of calls is climbing with an average of seven calls per day. Chief Thompson noted a structure fire on Oasis Avenue. Chief Thompson stated the department encountered problems with emergency vehicles being able to access the area of the fire because a number of vehicles were driving toward or stopping to view the fire. Chief Thompson urged the public to please stay clear of the area near a fire scene so emergency personnel can obtain access without delays.

7.1.1 Report on Task Force/Joint Committee with the City of Twentynine Palms

Chief Thompson stated all task force members were in attendance for a meeting held on May 5th. Chief Thompson further stated he will present results of the May 5, 2009 meeting at the rescheduled fire department business meeting on June 17th.

7.2 Finance Report

The Board did not have any questions regarding the finance report.

7.2.1 Grant Status Report

Chief Thompson noted that details for 2009 Homeland Security Grants should be available soon. Chief Thompson reported a grant application was submitted for assistance related to the purchase of an aerial fire truck. Additionally, Chief Thompson discussed requirements for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants.

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

Director Anthony commended Chief Thompson on his ability to keep expenses at a minimum. The Board emphasized the need for keeping the area clear near a fire scene.

9. Adjournment

On motion by Director Moore, seconded by Director Anthony and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Philip C. Cisneros, President
Board of Directors

Attest:

Mike Wright, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District