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

**JANUARY 23, 2013 / 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 Bo Bourikas, Chancey Chambers, Philip Cisneros, Sam Moore and Roger Shinaver. Also present were Interim General 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**

Cora Heiser, of Twentynine Palms, thanked the Board of Directors for their hard work and professionalism.

- Presentation to Outgoing President Philip C. Cisneros
   Director Moore presented Director Cisneros with a gavel plaque commemorating his service as Board President of the Twentynine Palms Water District from 2008-2012.
- 2. Report on ACWA/JPIA and ACWA Fall Conferences by Director Cisneros and Director Chambers

Director Cisneros and Director Chambers submitted a report reflecting their joint and separate attendance at the Fall ACWA/JPIA and ACWA Conferences. Director Cisneros attended a Human Resource Program and found discussion on consultant contracts to be of special interest. If a contracted consultant is required to perform acts, performed by existing employee staff, the contracted staff could be entitled to workers compensation, liability claims, and unemployment insurance. The Finance and State Relations Program was also very informative. If rates, fees, and assessments are in any form a tax under the provisions of California Prop 218 law, a percentage of the gross income of the agency's reserve/capital investment fund would become property of the State of California.

Director Chambers noted the Human Resource Program regarding CALPERS to be of particular interest. Members who enter the CALPERS system after December 31, 2012, will have lower benefits.

- Approve Directors to Attend ACWA/JPIA and ACWA Spring Conferences
   (May 6-10, 2013) and to Provide Daily Meeting Stipend
   Director Cisneros made a motion to approve Director Chambers attending the Spring Conference, seconded by Director Shinaver and unanimously approved.
- 4. <u>Closed Session Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Section 54957 of the California Government Code</u>

Title: General Manager

Director Bourikas moved to enter closed session at 6:10 p.m., seconded by Director Cisneros and unanimously approved.

The Board returned to open session at 6:40 p.m. Director Moore announced that the Board reviewed twenty nine (29) applications and selected twelve (12) applicants to interview on February 9, 2013.

#### 5. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the Rescheduled Meeting held on December 19, 2012
- Audit List

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

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

#### 7. Management Reports

#### 7.1 Operations

Mr. Kolisz reported that the District responded to 24 Underground Service Alerts, had a 6" water main leak on Crestview due to tree roots, and performed 2 leak audits without detecting any leaks. Production is up 9% compared to the last two prior months. The hydro-pneumatic tank is expected to be online in February.

#### 7.2 **Finance**

Ms. Byerrum reported that she had two days of transition training with Wayne. She expects to be completely up to speed by next month.

Future Agenda Items and Staff Tasks/Directors' Comments and Reports 8. Director Chambers would like cell tower revenue included on the Agenda for the next Board Meeting. Director Moore announced the passing of Alan Anthony who previously served as a Director for the Water District.

#### 9. Adjournment

On motion by Director Chambers seconded by Director Cisneros and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Kerron E. Moore, President

**Board of Directors** 

Ray Kollsz, Board Secretary Twentynine Palms Water District

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