

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

**JANUARY 28, 2015**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Moore called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m., 72401 Hatch Road, Twentynine Palms, California. Those responding to roll call were Directors Chancey Chambers, Carol Giannini, 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

Ed Vallerand, of Twentynine Palms, spoke to a non-agenda item regarding the ladder truck and insolvency of the Fire Department.

1. Review of Volunteer Firefighter Staffing and the Stipend and Reimbursement Rates for Volunteer Personnel

Chief Thompson provided an overview of daily staffing at the fire station and explained the difference between a Reserve firefighter and a Paid-call firefighter. A staffing model was provided illustrating the number of reserve firefighters and paid-call firefighters, comparing December 2013 and December 2014. Stipend and reimbursement rates for volunteer personnel are approved through the budget process adopted by the Board on an annual basis. There has been no significant increase in the Paid Call firefighter numbers, even with a higher stipend and recruitment from the Paid Call Firefighter Academy. The Morongo basin has not produced adequate participation resulting in out of town recruitment.

Chief Thompson recommends making no changes and reviewing the volunteer participation along with the stipend and reimbursement rates during the 2015/2016 budget process.

After discussion, the Board was in agreement with the Chief's recommendation to review the stipend and reimbursement rates during the budget process.

2. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 17, 2014
- Audit List

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

Ed Vallerand, of Twentynine Palms, asked for clarification of the format title Check Amount versus Check Detail.

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

4. Department Reports

4.1 Finance

Ms. Byerrum reported on the November Financials. The budget is at 42% for the year and tracking as expected. Most expense items are under budget.

4.2 Fire Chief's Report

Chief Thompson reported the Department responded to 138 calls for assistance during December. There was a total of 1,986 calls for the year within the District boundaries. Annual inspections took place for all the public schools and private preschools as they are a mandated inspection.

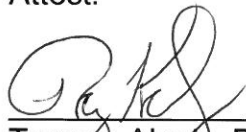
5. Future Agenda Items and Staff Tasks/Directors' Comments and Reports  
None

6. Adjournment

On motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Horn and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

  
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Kerron E. Moore, President  
Board of Directors

Attest:

  
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Tamara Alaniz, Board Secretary  
Twentynine Palms Water District

Ray Kolisz, Operations Manager