

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

**JULY 23, 2014**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Moore called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., 72401 Hatch Road, Twentynine Palms, California. Those responding to roll call were Directors Chancey Chambers, Suzi Horn, Sam Moore, and Roger Shinaver. Director Bo Bourikas was absent. Also present were Fire Chief Jim Thompson and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes. Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum was absent.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

Ed Vallerand, of Twentynine Palms, spoke to Agenda Item #1 asking that a copy of the survey questions and results be made available to the public for review.

1. Report, Discussion, and Possible Actions Related to Community Survey Conducted by The Lew Edwards Group and FM3 Research

Chief Thompson introduced Adam Sonenshein of FM3 who gave a Powerpoint presentation on the Twentynine Palms Water District Fire Department Measure Feasibility survey. The following are highlights of the survey results.

- 40% of the community polled feel the community is headed in the right direction with 36% opposing.
- Support was shy of the two thirds requirement for passage for the hypothetical ballot measure when participants were asked if they would vote yes in favor of an increase parcel tax by \$32 per unit for 10 years with annual independent audits, citizens' oversight, and requiring all funds be used for fire protection/emergency services only.
- 68% were in favor of a \$12 per unit increase as opposed to the 26% against.
- Voters felt protecting 911 emergency/medical response services was the most important.
- 69% were much more inclined to vote for the measure if it meant the passing would result in the re-opening of the Lear Avenue Fire Station.
- The Lew Edwards Group/FM3 recommends that the District engage in a community outreach effort before proceeding with a ballot measure as the results of the poll is within and not above the margin of error and results show a consistent percentage opposed the \$32 per unit ballot measure.

After discussion, which included Chief Thompson's recommendation to suspend the contract with The Lew Edwards Group, Director Chambers moved to suspend the contract with The Lew Edwards Group, seconded by Director Shinaver and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Consent Calendar
  - Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 25, 2014
  - Audit List

Director Horn moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director Shinaver and approved unanimously by Directors Chambers, Horn, Moore, and Shinaver. Director Bourikas was absent.

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 195 calls for assistance during June. The Explorer post is staying active and continues training.

5. Closed Session – Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Section 54957 of the California Government Code

Title: Fire Chief

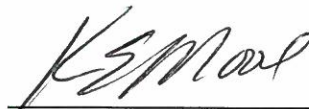
Director Chambers moved to enter closed session at 7:12 p.m., seconded by Director Shinaver and unanimously approved.

The Board returned to open session at 7:50 p.m. Director Moore announced that Chief Thompson was given a rating of "Very Good" on his performance evaluation and no other reportable action was taken.

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

7. Adjournment

On motion by Director Shinaver, seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



Kerron E. Moore, President  
Board of Directors

Attest:



Tamara Alaniz, Board Secretary  
Twentynine Palms Water District