

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

DECEMBER 16, 2015

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 Carol Giannini, Suzi Horn, Sam Moore, and Roger Shinaver. Director Chancey Chambers was absent. Also present were Fire Chief Jim Thompson, Financial Consultant Josh Byerrum, Legal Counsel Jeff Ferre and Steven Anderson, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

Edith Carter, of Twentynine Palms, spoke to the LAFCO protest process.

Ed Vallerand, of Twentynine Palms, spoke in favor of local volunteers and local control.

1. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 19, 2015
- Audit List

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

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

None

3. Department Reports

3.1 Finance

Mr. Byerrum reported that the Department is negative as a result of the timing of property taxes that come in during the months of December and April. The Fire Department must have cash reserves available to pay their bills.

3.2 Fire Chief's Report

Chief Thompson reported the Department responded to 186 calls for assistance during November. The chief attended the Paid-Call Firefighter Academy graduation with 13 students graduating. Two Explorers, Jacob Bell and Justin Emoff, attended the Inland Empire Fire Explorer Association Fire Academy with Jacob Bell serving as second in command over 170 explorers. The brush patrol vehicle, damaged in a rear end accident, is expected to be back in service on Friday. A structure fire erupted in a rental duplex, two children suffered minor injuries as a result of a non-existent smoke alarm. The rental was privately owned without a property manager. The Fire Department has no authority to site the owner for failing to install a smoke alarm.

4. Future Agenda Items and Staff Tasks/Directors' Comments and Reports
Director Giannini thanked Ms. Carter and Mr. Vallerand for their public comments.

5. Adjournment
On motion by Director Shinaver seconded by Director Horn and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



Kefron E. Moore, President
Board of Directors

Attest:


Ray Kolisz, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District