

TEHACHAPI VALLEY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

116 W E Street

Tehachapi, CA 93561

July 19, 2022

Conference Call # 351-888-6527

10:00am

Board Present: Mike Nixon, Christine Sherrill, William Steele, Carl Gehricke,
Duane Moats

Staff Present: Caroline Wasielewski, CEO; Lisa Hughes, Business Manager; Scott
Nave, Legal Counsel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Nixon called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Board of Directors Meeting 6/21/22
2. Receive and File, Community Outreach Committee, 6/14/22
3. Receive and File, Finance Committee, 6/15/22

Consent Agenda Approval

MSA: GEHRICKE/SHERRILL; 5-0;

APPROVED

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUISNESS

A. Policy 300.71 Paid Time Off (PTO) and Extended Sick Leave (ESL)

CEO Wasielewski presented current policy to the Board. The version on file has omitted Thanksgiving. Ms. Wasielewski would like approval to make sure it is listed. Additionally, Ms. Wasielewski asked if TVHD would like Juneteenth to be observed as it was named a federal holiday. The Board did not take any action and the item was tabled.

B. Proposal for Engineering Services

Before the item was discussed, Director C. Gehricke disqualified himself from the discussion and any decision. Legal Counsel Nave explained the bidding process and how the current bid from 4 Creeks fits into the Board's previous decision to follow through with a design build project for the proposed Community Resource Center. Mr. Nave and CEO Wasielewski will schedule a call with 4 Creeks and if the response is in accordance with what the district asked for in the bid, Mr. Nave requested authorization to move forward with 4 Creeks to come up create a design and space plan in development with an RFP. The Board asked about the budget and determined all projects must have a bit of flexibility. The Board asked that there be a cost estimate from 4 Creeks. Director Wm. Steele made a motion to accept the bid from 4 Creeks and authorize Mr. Nave to work with Director Nixon and CEO Wasielewski to finalize a contract with the group for a design and space plan and Design Build RFP. Second from Director C. Sherrill.

MSA; STEELE/SHERRILL; 4-0; 1 ABSTAIN; APPROVED

C. Proposal for Grading of 115 W E Street

The Board reviewed two bids for grading and dirt moving services for the property at 115 W E Street. The bids were from Mr. Backhoe and Hanzel Enterprises. The Board accepted the lowest responsible bid from Hanzel Enterprises. Director C. Gehricke disqualified himself from this discussion.

MSA; SHERRILL/STEELE; 4-0; 1 ABSTAIN; APPROVED

D. Resolution 22-02- Authorize the Destruction of Certain Records

The resolution described records that will be permanently destroyed as they are past their retention period.

MSA; GEHRICKE/MOATS; 5-0; APPROVED

E. Resolution 22-03- Authorization of Remote Meetings During State of Emergency

Legal Counsel Nave explained the Brown Act is suspended due to State of Emergency. This resolution allows directors to attend remotely to promote social distancing.

MSA; STEELE/SHERRILL; 5-0; APPROVED

VII. REPORTS

A. Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley Update

Edward Martin, president of Operations of Adventist Tehachapi Medical Center, reported that a Tesla Mega Pack will be delivered and installed at the hospital. It will increase capacity for energy storage and cut down on electricity bill. A *director asked if it would be tied into the solar system. No, this is a battery system.* Mr. Martin announced that the contract with Anthem Blue Cross will be

extended to August 1, 2022. The current contract is not sustainable and needs to be renegotiated. Blue Cross is offering Adventist lower rates. If the contract expires, all Anthem Blue Cross patients in this area would be considered out of network if they were to be seen at Adventist. Finally, Mr. Martin expressed his excitement about the Blue Zones program and how it can elevate the overall health of the community.

B. Community Outreach Update – Wm. Steele

Director Steele reported the recent Community Outreach meeting was successful. The Committee discussed Blue Zones and the opportunity to partner with the Tehachapi Humanitarian Group to set up a community garden. Director Steele would like the Board to consider donating to the group, the piece of land that is next to the PT building. The group would then be able to set up a garden.

C. CEO Report

CEO Wasielewski went over the CEO Report in the Board packet beginning with the financial portion. For the month of June, total cash in was \$66,668.46 and total expenses came in at \$33,182.54. Looking at the 12-month numbers, total cash for FY22 is \$1,188,567.21 and total expenses at \$507,262.86. The Administrative review included district activities for the month. There were no questions from the Board.

Board of Director Travel

None

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

Director Steele announced that he is selling his house. He will remain in Tehachapi and will complete his term until 2024. He will be attending the CSDA conference with CEO Wasielewski August 22-25. Director Sherrill announced she will not file papers to run for re-election to the Board. Director Gehricke announced he is considering leasing or selling his business and store.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 11:06 AM

A. LEASE NEGOTIATIONS

Property: 1100 Magellan Dr., Tehachapi, CA
Negotiator: CEO, Legal Counsel

Parties: TVHD, Adventist Health
Under Negotiation: term, rent

X. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Board discussed lease negotiations. No other items were discussed, and no action was taken. The Board went back into open session at 11:21 AM

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:22AM

Respectfully,


Christine Sherrill
Secretary