

**TEHACHAPI VALLEY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 21, 2024, 10:00am
116 West F Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Nixon called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Directors Present: Lydia Chaney, Mike Nixon, Carl Gehricke

Directors Absent:

Others Present: Peggy Mendiburu, CEO; Scott Nave, Legal Counsel; Lisa Hughes, Business Mgr; Pat Doody, The Loop; Jenny Lavers, Adventist Health; BreAnne Patterson, Adventist Health; Christine Sherrill; Duane Shellcross

II. FLAG SALUTE

President Nixon led the flag salute.

III. BOARD COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

Mike Nixon commented on his disappointment that QuickBooks was supposed to be utilized six months ago for financials and it still hasn't happened. **Action: Peggy commented that finance reporting via QuickBooks will occur in June 2024.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

No comments.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Board Meeting minutes April 16, 2024
2. Receive and File Finance Committee Minutes April 10, 2024
4. Receive and File Strategic Planning minutes April 11, 2024

Consent agenda items approved. MSA: Steele/Chaney; 5-0

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Movies in the Park Sponsorship

CEO Mendiburu brought forward a request from Tehachapi Valley Parks and Recreation for sponsorship of Movies in the Park in the amount of \$5000. Directors discussed that these type of events are usually sponsored by corporate entities. **Board approved sponsorship of \$1,000; MSA: Gehricke/Chaney; 3-0**

B. Appointments to Fill Two Board Vacancies

- President Nixon commented on a possible conflict with candidate BreAnne Patterson due to her employment at Adventist Health. Per Counsel Nave, it would be similar to Director Gehricke recusing himself due to his property and former board members Drs' Horowitz and Olsen, who provided physician services for the District.

- CEO Mendiburu asked if there is interest in running for the entirety of each vacancy. Counsel Nave commented that Director Moats term is for two years to 2026 with Director Steele's term is for four years to 2028.
- Christine Sherrill: Has served on the Board in the past and worked for the District for many years. Her goal, if chosen, is to keep the District financially viable to survive for the next sixty-five plus years. She is interested in pursuing the community center if the debt is not too deep.
- Duane Shellcross: This board is losing two people that helped the District for decades. I respect this board, and it may take time to get me up to speed, but I am willing. There are two very good candidates here.
- BreAnne Patterson: I am interested in this Board as I want to connect resources that are already available and bring new resources and grants that focus on rural health. I was formally a nurse when the District ran the hospital and care about the community we live in. I want to bring education and health care to this community.
 - Director Gehricke has concerns that Bre may have to recuse herself quite a bit.
 - Director Nixon asked if she could be loyal to this Board. BreAnne answered that her loyalty lies with my patients and the best quality care. I would abstain if there was a conflict. Counsel Nave added that the relationship is landlord/tenant relationship, which is contractual and Bre's financial interest is indirect.
- Duane Shellcross withdrew and commented on how the other candidates have a good perspective and experience regarding the District. Thank you for the opportunity.

Board approved Christine Sherrill for Moats vacancy (2 yrs if runs) and BreAnne Patterson for Steele's vacancy (4 years if runs); MSA: Chaney/Gehricke; 3-0

VII. REPORTS

A. Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley Update (Jenny Lavers/Bre Patterson)

- Bre invited the District Board and staff to the five year celebration of opening the hospital to be held June 5, 2024.
- Jenny reported that Adventist has agreed to pay the other half of the overage with bond counsel, which equals \$35K.
- Specialty access continues to grow in Adventist's Tehachapi clinics with a breast surgeon, oncology, endocrinology, GI, and orthopedics.

B. TVHD Report (Peggy Mendiburu)

- CEO Mendiburu reported April finances total in was \$425K with \$39K in expenses leaving a balance of \$385,764. YTD revenue is \$M with expenses YTD \$330,000.
- Getting estimates on West Valley for paint and flooring. Waiting on sign change estimate.
- Getting estimates for the Guild insulation replacement in the shed.
- Built garden beds for community garden on May 11, 2024 and planted a pumpkin patch. Thank you to the Village, donors, and other volunteers. The public is welcome to attend the monthly planning meeting at 11:00am the last Sunday of the month.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION


None

X. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Nixon adjourned the meeting at 11:00am



Lydia Chaney, Secretary
June 18, 2024