

**TEHACHAPI VALLEY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 16, 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, Duane Moats, Mike Nixon, Carl Gehricke, Bill Steele

Directors Absent:

Others Present: Peggy Mendiburu, CEO; Scott Nave, Legal Counsel; Claudia Elliott, Tehachapi News; Pat Doody, The Loop; Jenny Lavers, Adventist Health

II. FLAG SALUTE

President Nixon led the flag salute.

III. BOARD COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

Duane Moats: Some Guild members are concerned about insulation in the shed. Needs removal and new insulation installed. **Action: Peggy to check on price.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

No comments.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Board Meeting minutes March 19, 2024
2. Board Meeting minutes March 26, 2024 Special
3. Receive and File Finance Committee Minutes 03/13/24
4. Receive and File Strategic Planning minutes 02/15/24

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

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bond Counsel Compensation

Tax questionnaire was needed from Adventist Health due to lease of hospital to qualify for tax exempt bonds. Peggy notified Adventist on September 28, 2024 for a November 2023 close. The questionnaire was not received until late December. Closing occurred on January 1, 2024 which caused bond counsel to go over budget by \$70K. Agreed cost was \$30K. Bond counsel is requesting anything the District can do. Director Steele commented on working with Adventist to assist on paying part of the increase. Peggy to provide documents to Jenny Lavers. **Board approved paying half of the overage at approximately \$35K. MSA: Steele/Chaney**

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B. Director Vacancies

Today is Directors' Steele and Moats last board meeting. Their resignation date is April 30, 2024. The District has 30 days from May 1, 2024 to fill the two vacancies to serve until General Elections occur in November. If no one is appointed within 60 days, it is up to the Kern County Board of Supervisors to appoint. Peggy to place notices in three conspicuous locations. Legal notice is not necessary per Scott. Plan is to interview candidates at the May 21, 2024 meeting.

VII. REPORTS

A. Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley Update (Jenny Lavers)

- Adventist awarded \$2M grant for medical education and the opportunity to bring internal medicine students to do rotations in Tehachapi clinics and the hospital.
- The space originally planned for a medical office building is not big enough and Adventist is looking at the three lots in front of the hospital. Director Nixon questioned what will be done with the location originally planned. November 2024 is deadline in order to turn back lease to thirty years. Jenny: We will have a clear action plan and group effort.
- Launched dialysis services for inpatients. Services are under Bre Patterson.

B. TVHD Report (Peggy Mendiburu)

- Report attached.
- President Nixon presented certificates of service to Duane Moats, who has served twelve years on the Board and Bill Steele who served various dates for thirty-two years. They accomplished much including oversight and getting the new hospital built.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

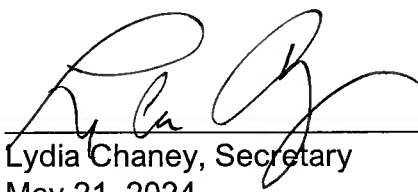
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X. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Nixon adjourned the meeting at 10:34am



Lydia Chaney, Secretary
May 21, 2024