

Kennewick Public Hospital District
Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022 5:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting 5:00 pm Via Zoom and at
The Numerica Pavilion Conference Room
Southridge Sports and Events Complex
2901 Southridge Blvd, Kennewick, Washington, 99336

MINUTES

Attendance: Gary Long, Steve Blodgett, Mark Brault, Marv Kinney, Rick Reil, Sheila Dunlop, Wanda Briggs, Lee Kerr, Nathan Burt, Heidi Ellerd, and Salem Thompson.

CALL TO ORDER

The District provided a link for interested parties to participate through Zoom. There was one participant from the public in attendance.

Commissioner Long called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

I. DISTRICT BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

The materials listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Board of Commissioners and are adopted by one motion. The minutes were removed from the consent agenda.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITHOUT THE MINUTES. NO FURHTER DISCUSSION, MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH A CORRECTED DATE OF JULY 28, 2022. NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, MOTION CARRIED.

II. Regular Board Meeting Business

A. Approval of Consent Agenda*

B. Public Comment – None

III. NEW BUSINESS:

C. Reports

1. Lee Kerr – Superintendent, General Update

The proposed recovery center efforts continue with no defined role for the District. Benton County is still setting up the community committee.

The quarterly meeting with RCCH was held with the interim CEO. LifePoint RCCH has candidates being considered for installation soon. The new CEO will preside over three local entities: RCCH, Lourdes, and Lourdes Counseling Center.

There was discussion about ADS. Three services were discussed which were physical therapy, osteopathic care, and podiatry. A decision was not made, and the matter will be passed on to the new leadership for future discussions.

Office space for the District as provided for in the Community Care Agreement was discussed. The DeBit Building was offered and toured. There would be both an office suite with internal restrooms and entrances, and a conference room for open public meetings. The District would be able to have

priority access for the conference room for regularly scheduled open public commission meetings. The AWP/PHD (Salem, I would put the full name on here not just the acronym) is hosting a gathering of Public Hospital Districts not running hospitals. An in-person meeting is set for Nov. 19th, 2022 in North Seattle and registration is available online.

Lee sent an inquiry to the creditors' trust on the last piece of property. He learned it was sold and business was being completed. It is good news, and the final meeting will likely be at the end of this year.

2. Legal Report - Heidi Ellerd, Legal Counsel
 - a. Updates – Records Requests – nothing new to report.

3. Administrative Report, Salem Thompson, Board Coordinator
 - a. Records update – The grant awards from WA State Archives were announced and the District was NOT awarded the grant. Debbie Clark is willing to help coordinate the transfer of records to the archives. The estimated cost will be provided to finance committee for consideration in the current budget and future budget if needed.
So far no invoices have been received from CI/VRC (Salem – may also want to spell this out) for the destruction activity earlier this year. If they are received, they will be forwarded appropriately.

D. Committee Reports/Recommendations

1. Finance Committee – Steve Blodgett, Finance Chair / Nathan Burt
 - a. Acceptance of July financial statements– Overview by Nathan Burt.
 - b. Approval of payments and disbursements – Overview by Steve Blodgett.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PAYMENTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AS PRESENTED. NO DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT THE JULY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED. NO DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED.

- c. Treasurer's Report – Steve Blodgett – see reports below.
 - d. 2021 Audit – Eide Bailly is completing its last tasks, and the final report is expected soon.
 - e. 2023 Budget process. A budget committee is typically formed and meets the first week of October to produce a draft budget.

2. Governance Committee Updates – Gary Long
 - a. Commissioner Compensation Policy – An ad hoc committee reviewed the process and the result is the draft policy in the packet. The policy was discussed. Heidi will review and make any changes for consideration at the September board meeting.

3. Planning Committee – Wanda Briggs
 - a. General update – Discussion on the PHD meeting in November (mentioned above) could provide insight to the District and that Planning has the responsibility to help the District be accountable for the taxpayer dollars. It takes more than the Planning members, it takes every commissioner, which is the purpose of the full commission planning meeting.

 - b. Update on full commission Strategic Planning Retreat – see above.

4. Adult Day Services – General Update: Rick Reil/Steve Blodgett – Some deferred maintenance on the South building where ADS' services are delivered. Some grant opportunities and sponsorship of the associated costs is being considered.

Steve reports that financials are stable.

IV. Executive Session – RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) – Litigation or Potential Litigation

At 6:16 An executive session was called for 10 minutes. Members of the public in attendance were placed in the Zoom waiting room.

**At 6:26 The executive session concluded. Any members of the public in attendance were admitted back into the Zoom meeting.
No action was taken.**

V. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

VI. Upcoming items – Retreat dates TBD

VII. BOARD MEETINGS/EVENTS/EDUCATION:

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting – Thursday, Sept, 29, 2022 @ 5:00p.m.

Close of Meeting 6:30 pm