

**KENNEWICK PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, March 19, 2020 | 10 N. Washington Street, Kenn., WA

Commissioners Present via phone: Wanda Briggs, Len Dreisbach, Marv Kinney, Steve Blodgett, Rick Reil, Mike McWhorter

Commissioner Present in person: Gary Long

Executive Support via phone: Heidi Ellerd

Executive Support Present: Salem Snowdy, Lee Kerr

CALL TO ORDER: 6:01pm

I. DISTRICT BUSINESS

A. Overview of Resolution 2020-2 regarding the District’s membership interest in Tri-Cities Cancer Center – Lee Kerr and Gary Long

Documents provided to all Commissioners via email included: Resolution 2020-2 and the Withdrawal Agreement (see meeting packet). Purpose of this meeting is to determine if the Commission wants to approve the Withdrawal Agreement with Tri City Cancer Center and Kadlec Medical Center (hereinafter “Withdrawal Agreement”).

Discussion was opened by Gary Long and each commissioner attending by phone could ask questions for clarification if desired. After all commissioners had completed their turn, the agenda moved forward to reviewing Resolution 2020-2 which approved the Withdrawal Agreement and authorized Gary Long to sign the Withdrawal Agreement on behalf of the District.

B. Resolution 2020-2 Approving Agreement Regarding Membership Interest in Tri-Cities Cancer Center.

The resolution was read aloud by Gary Long.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

DISCUSSION FOLLOWED TO CLARIFY WHETHER LEGAL EXPENSES WERE TO BE TAKEN FROM THE PROCEEDS. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL PARTIES WILL BEAR THEIR OWN LEGAL COSTS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

VOTING TOOK PLACE AND EACH COMMISSIONER WAS CALLED ON BY NAME VIA TELEPHONE AS NOTED ON THE SIGNED RESOLUTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. Discussion on board meeting and committee procedures during COVID-19 restrictions.

During this time abundance of caution is being exercised to protect all. In that spirit, commissioners will be encouraged to attend meetings via teleconference. A free and secure call-in service has been arranged for the board and put in use tonight for this special meeting and will continue to be used as long as necessary or desired for the health and safety of the commissioners and contractors during this time of uncertainty. At this time all

meetings will continue as scheduled. Gary Long, Lee Kerr and Salem Snowdy Thompson will attend the meetings at 10 N. Washington Street (regular meeting place) in person to allow public and media attendance (maintaining the 6 feet of social distancing). The remainder of commissioners and support contractors will attend via teleconference.

II. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Each commissioner attending via phone was called upon to provide final comment if desired.

Wanda Briggs: Sad to see the District's role end with the cancer center after establishing it 25 years ago. However, things change and at least the community still has a vibrant center.

Len Dreisbach: Glad to have these funds to enhance the health of this community and knows that much good can be done with these proceeds.

Rick Reil: The community still has a Trios hospital and now still has a cancer center. Applauds and thanks Wanda for her hard work, time, and diligence over the years representing the District on the cancer center board.

Marv Kinney: No comments.

Steve Blodgett: No comments.

Mike McWhorter: He remembers being part of the fundraising for the establishment of the cancer center and is glad its still here. Things change.

After the meeting adjourned at 6:48pm, Chuck DeGooyer, CEO of the Tri-Cities Cancer Center, was in attendance and asked to provide a comment at the end of the meeting. He expressed thanks to the board and the District for its efforts over the years.

Gary Long, President

Marv Kinney, Secretary