

# MINUTES OF MEETING OF KINGSBURG TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: January 13, 2021

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: Kingsburg Tri-County Health Care District – Via live Cisco Webex Meeting  
1425 Marion Street  
Kingsburg, CA 93631

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## Members Present:

Arlie Rogers, Chairman  
Lori Sanders, Vice-Chairman, Secretary  
Tiffany Dix, Treasurer  
Gary Nelson, Member at Large  
Todd Thompson, Assistant Treasurer

## Also Present:

Moses Diaz, Attorney  
Shereme Watson, Administrative Clerk, Deputy Secretary

## Members Absent:

None

## **Item #1: Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Sanders 4:07 at p.m. Members Sanders, Dix, Nelson and Thompson were present. Chairman Rogers attended via phone while resolving virtual meeting connectivity issues. There was a quorum to conduct business.

## **Item #2: Public Comment**

None.

## **Items #3 and 4: Approval of Consent Calendar**

Shereme informed the board that the rent increase for Crestwood takes effect in January of 2021.

Member Dix made a motion to approve the ratification of expenditures and pending bills since the last meeting. Second by Member Sanders.

Ayes: Rogers, Sanders, Dix, Nelson, Thompson  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**Item #5: Jason Garcia with Kingsburg Youth Baseball Associations to give quarterly financial update and report**

Jason Garcia provided the board with a thorough update on construction at Hank Hash Field. He stated they are way ahead of their original April 1 completion date, and hope to have Phase 1 completed in 8 to 9 weeks, with play beginning soon after. The irrigation system and water hook-up began on the date of this board meeting. Phase 1 includes all fencing, dugouts and field (grass), with Phase 2 including restrooms, concession stand, and remaining concrete work. Jason stressed that the KTHD board saved this project from going under, especially in the wake of the pandemic. He shared KYBA's sincere gratitude.

Member Nelson inquired as to whether the KYBA board has received additional funds from any other sources, and suggested they continue talks with the city of Kingsburg regarding ownership of the land. He also suggested the KYBA revisit other resources who previously denied them funding. Jason informed the board that the association also selling bricks and banners to raise additional funds, and that the city of Kingsburg waived permit fees and paid for engineering costs.

**Item #6: Ryan Phelan with Kingsburg Joint Union High School to give quarterly financial update and report**

Dr. Phelan updated the board on the installation of bottle filling stations, drinking fountains and vape detectors. Bottle filling stations and drinking fountains have been installed, and are greatly appreciated by students and faculty alike. Community members are also very thankful to have water available at the track. Vape detectors have yet to be installed, as the school's tech employee who would normally oversee this project has been very busy due to managing the distance learning option for students.

The vape detectors are able to determine what type of substance is being smoked, the noise level around each detector's location, which helps determine if there is a fight going on, and if detectors are being tampered with. Immediate notification is sent from the detector to personnel around campus, which allows for an almost immediate response.

Dr. Phelan also informed the board that they have been chosen as the Community Business of the Year. He expressed the school's heartfelt appreciation for the board partnering with them on projects.

**#7: Resolution in response to COVID-19, review/ratification of expenditures and continuation of related determination of local emergency**

Jason Garcia with KYBA requested \$9500 from COVID-19 emergency funding to provide a thermometer for temperature checks, masks, and hand sanitizer in dugouts and restrooms for the entire 2021 baseball season.

Reggie Gerkie, with the Herb Knight Community Center, requested a second installment of \$5000. Board member Nelson suggested getting a report of how the first installment was spent, how many

students were served, the cost of each meal, etc., prior to releasing another round of funding. Tiffany Dix made a motion to accept amendment number 10, and fund up to \$9500 to KYBA measures being taken to help combat the spread of COVID-19 during the 2021 baseball season. The funding will start with a \$3000 installment. Second by Lori Sanders.

Ayes: Rogers, Sanders, Dix, Nelson, Thompson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**Item #8: Update and potential action on landscaping areas-of-concern at Crestwood Healing Center**

Moses Diaz updated the board on the response from Crestwood regarding landscaping issues, and the plan they are working on to improve the situation. The tenant received all of the photos taken by Member Sanders, which highlighted dead and dying areas of ground cover, as well as broken soaker hoses, inadequately watered areas, and dead liquid amber trees which had been planted by the tenant. Discussion was held regarding replacement of all ground cover with Bermuda grass. The board directed Mr. Diaz to contact Crestwood and inform them of this request in order to shorten any back and forth between time between correspondence. Member Nelson's name and phone number will be provided to Crestwood should they have any questions about which type of sprinkler system and variety of grass is best for the grounds.

**Item #9: Consider grant priorities for upcoming and pending grant cycle and review of and approval of quarterly grant reports**

Member Dix expressed interest in funding, at a future date, regular CPR training classes for the community. Member Nelson would like to see the board provide an educational resource list of health care services available to the community. Member Thompson shared his interest in mobile medical clinics and how this could provide medical care to the under served.

Discussion was held on the importance of financial oversight by the board on all grant awards. Shereme will send reminders to grant recipients regarding quarterly reports due to the board. Quarterly reports from both The Landing and KCAPS are not necessary, as they currently report monthly with their reimbursement requests.

**Item #10: Potential appointment of Director Nelson as Assistant Board Secretary**

No action taken.

**Item #11: Annual review of district Bylaws**

Member Nelson shared his dissatisfaction with the current bylaws and wants to address them at the February 2021 meeting. No action taken.

**Item #12: Update and report on quarterly incident reports and calls to Crestwood**

Member Thompson met separately with Police Chief Dadian, Fire Chief Perkins, and Crestwood

Administrator Martha Crawford over the number of calls for assistance to Crestwood. Member Thompson shared that FSO dispatch has limited coding terms for calls received for assistance from mental health facilities, and many times such calls are lumped into “mentally unstable”, for lack of a better understanding of the actual need. He will monitor call logs and report back to the board on a quarterly basis.

**Item #13: Discussion and potential action on hand washing stations throughout the city**

The board will continue to fund the hand washing stations through the end of April, 2021.

**Item #14: Discussion and potential action on downtown fountains/bottle fillings stations**

Member Sanders shared that she and Daniel Galvez, director of public works for the city of Kingsburg, met downtown with Carlos Torrecilla of American Incorporated, and looked at several sites for fountain/bottle filling station installation. She informed the board that City Manager Alex Henderson said the city is willing to partner with the board on this project and cover installation costs. Member Sanders will update the board at the February 2021 meeting.

**Item #15: Discussion and potential action on district health insurance**

Chairman Rogers led a preliminary discussion on the possibility of providing health care benefits to board members, as well as to office staff. He will research options and potential costs.

**Item #16: Board member reports, updates and items of interest**

Member Sanders informed the board that the Lincoln School shade structure had been delivered on January 11, 2021.

**Item #17: Staff and/or consultant reports and updates**

Moses Diaz updated the board on changes in the Brown Act. Board members are allowed to post, answer questions, and gather information on public social media sites, but aren't allowed to comment on posts made by other KTHD board members.

Mr. Diaz also advised the board that it would be wise for each member to take AB 1825 - Sexual Harassment Prevention Training.

**Item #18: Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Sanders, Secretary