

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

Date: April 14, 2021
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: Herb Knight Community
1948 18th Ave
Kingsburg, CA 93631

Members Present:

Arlie Rogers, Chairman
Lori Sanders, Vice-Chairman, Secretary
Tiffany Dix, Treasurer
Gary Nelson, Member
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 Chairman Arlie Rogers at 4:04 p.m. Members Rogers, Sanders, Nelson and Thompson were present, and member Dix attended via phone. Member Dix lost connection part way through the meeting and was unable to reconnect. There was a quorum to conduct business.

Item #2: Public Comment

Dr. Wes Severn, Bobby Rodriguez, Matt Stoval and Amy Winchell from the Kingsburg Charter Elementary School District attended the meeting thanked the board for their support in supplying shade structures. They presented the board with a plaque of appreciation.

Items #3 and 4: Approval of Consent Calendar

Member Nelson made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. Second by Member Thompson.

Ayes: Rogers, Sanders, Dix, Nelson and Thompson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Item #5: Quarterly financial update and report from Kingsburg Fire Department grants

Fire Chief Dan Perkins and EMT Darius Rodriguez gave a thorough presentation of how grant funds from the district are being used. They went over the AED program and equipment purchased with grant funds, staff training provided by the American Heart Association, and plans for community training. They also highlighted where 7 AED machines will be placed in within the health care district, and how the program will alert trained residents when a cardiac emergency is happening in their vicinity. KFD plans to have a booth at the upcoming Swedish Festival and encourage visitors to practice CPR on the manikins.

Item #6: Chief Dan Perkins to present on general information for the Kingsburg Fire Department for long term commitment

Chief Perkins provided insight into the possibility of hiring 6 new paramedics in order to capture more local calls for emergency service. This, in turn, would generate additional revenue for the department, and eventually start to fund a high percentage of these new hire personnel costs as the years progress. He will be submitting a grant application for funding of this program.

Item #7: Jason Garcia with KYBA to present updates on the Hank Hash Field grant and future projects

Jason gave a status update on the field construction, and shared that the project manager feels they are 85% done with this phase. Progress has been delayed a bit due to a donor coming on board and providing funding for cement to be poured under the bleachers, which was slated for another phase of the project. Sod will be laid in May, and play will begin in June. KYBA will have six 13-16 year old teams, and also have tournament directors from throughout the state of California wanting to rent the facility for tournaments through November of 2021. These rental fees alone will generate approximately \$20,000 which will be poured right back into KYBA, not to mention the revenue it will generate for local hotels, restaurants and retail businesses.

Item #8: Clay Elementary School to present general information for potential exercise equipment and security for grant season

Clay Elementary School Superintendent and Principal, Ms. Judi Szpor, shared her concerns of safety issues at Clay School. Particularly, fencing that would keep children contained within the school grounds, and limit outside access for visitors to one entry point. She will be submitting a grant application for the project.

Item #9: Resolution in response to COVID-19, review/ratification of expenditures and continuation of related determination of local emergency

The existing resolution is still in place. Moses Diaz updated the board on current, as well as proposed, guidelines which include reopening the entire state of California on June 15, 2021.

Item #10: Report and update on walk through at Crestwood Healing Center regarding landscaping issues

Members Nelson and Sanders updated the board on their meeting with facilities manager Anthony Nguyen and site administrator Martha Crawford. Both board members felt the tenant is on track with correcting the irrigation system, and removal of improperly planted materials. The tenant will work with a licensed landscaper to create a new, water conscious, plan to revitalize the dead and dying areas of lawn and ground cover, as well as address planting trees for shade and aesthetics.

The tenant will have a draft landscape plan to the board within 30 days. Once the board and the tenant feel the plan is appropriate, the tenant will submit the plans to the city.

Item #11: Review and consider estimates and placement of fountains/water bottle fillings stations downtown

Member Sanders updated the board on her meeting with the Kingsburg director of public works, Daniel Galvez, one of his employees, and Carlos Torrecilla of American Incorporated. The placement of the fountains was dependent on the location of water valves in individual planters downtown. The two locations chosen were the planter at the corner of Draper and Lincoln Street, in the planter in front of the old Merit Window, and the corner of Draper and Smith Street, just west of Model Drug. Both units will be handicapped accessible, and contain a drinking fountain, bottler filler, and dog bowl. Alex Henderson, Kingsburg City Manager, said the city will partner with the district on this project and cover all installation costs.

It could possibly take up to six months for the project to get off the ground due to the pandemic and availability of materials.

Member Nelson made a motion to approve up to \$18,000 for the cost of materials. Second by member Sanders.

Ayes: Rogers, Sanders, Nelson and Thompson

Noes: None

Absent: Dix

Abstain: None

Item #12: Update from ad hoc committee on "Health and Wellness Initiative" for the district

Members Thompson and Nelson gave an update on the meeting they had with several hand-picked members of the community who they felt could provide important insight. A lengthy discussion was had by members of the board. Shereme was asked to start compiling a list of medical providers in the district in order to evaluate what services are currently available.

The ad hoc committee will continue with collecting input from those in the community, as well as from medical professionals. They will report back to the board next month.

Item #13: Discuss and possible action of sponsorship for the 2021 Dala Horse Trot (Swedish Festival)

Member Sanders has been in contact with members of the Rotary Club of Kingsburg regarding sponsorship of the 2021 Dala Horse Trot. She presented the board with the sponsorship levels and what each level includes. Chairman Rogers stated the board does have advertising funds available.

Member Thompson made a motion to select the Elite Level of \$1000, which includes a large logo on the race t-shirt, logo featured on finish line banner, name and logo at one aid station, and on each race bib, as well as 12 complementary race entries. The district will also be recognized as an Elite Sponsor during the race. Second by Member Nelson.

Ayes: Rogers, Sanders, Nelson and Thompson

Noes: None

Absent: Dix

Abstain: None

Item #14: Update on 2021 grant applications and deadlines

Member Nelson shared that he doesn't think potential grant applicants should be allowed to give board presentations prior to actually submitting an grant application. Members Sanders and Thompson shared how valuable they feel presentations are prior to receiving the application, as being able to ask questions beforehand about the project and seeing photos of the proposed project help them to understand it more completely once they read the actual application. Member Nelson then stated he feels the grant application needs to include language stating potential applicants are welcome to give presentations prior to submitting their application.

Shereme stated she has only received one grant so far, and that she will add the presentation verbiage to future grant applications.

Item #15: Discuss and possible action on district internet and phone services

Shereme has been in touch with Reggie Gierke of Kingsburg Media Foundation about taking over our phone and internet service. These services are currently provided by Comcast at the business rate of \$256 per month. Kingsburg Media can provide the same service for between \$70-75 per month. The board also discussed changing the office phone number due to the high volume of calls we receive from vendors thinking we still run a hospital.

Shereme will look into making these changes.

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

None.

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

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Sanders, Secretary