

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

Date: March 11, 2020
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: Kingsburg City Council Chambers
1401 Draper Street
Kingsburg, CA 93631

Members Present:

Arlie Rogers, Chairman
Lori Sanders, Secretary
Tiffany Dix, Treasurer
Gary Nelson, Member

Also Present:

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

Members absent:

Lejf Knutson, Vice-Chairman

Item #1: Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Arlie Rogers at 4:02 p.m. Members Rogers, Sanders, Dix and Nelson were present. Member Knutson was absent. There was a quorum to conduct business.

Item #2: Public Comment

None.

Items #3 and #4: Consent Calendar

Tiffany Dix made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. Second by Lori Sanders.

Ayes: Rogers, Sanders, Dix and Nelson
Noes: None
Absent: Knutson
Abstain: None

Item #5: Check Presentation to the City of Kingsburg for Athwal Park grant by the board

Chairman Rogers signed, and the board presented, a check for \$600,000 to the City of Kingsburg for the grant awarded to fund the skate park, play structure, and fitness court at Athwal Park. Kingsburg City Manager Alex Henderson gave an update on the Crandall Pool Complex project, and stated it came in under budget. He attributed this to input from all involved parties and no change orders being submitted during construction. He also gave a short update on the new KYBA field. Plans have been completed and submitted to Tulare County and they are waiting on permits.

Item #6: Presentation by Marti Shirley with Valley Health Team

Marti Shirley, Ted Avina and Jeff Lawson gave a financial update as of 12/31/2019 on the After-Hours Urgent Care facility, the 2020-2021 approved budget, and the proposed 2020 marketing strategy.

They also gave a brief update on the new VHT facility being built in the business park, and estimate it will be completed in two to two-and-a-half years.

Item #7: Betsy Tunnell to present a resource list of agencies to post on the website where complaints of mental healthcare fraud and abuse can be filed

Betsy Tunnell presented the board with a comprehensive list of federal, state, and local county agencies where complaints of medical and psychiatric abuses can be reported. Board members were very appreciative of her hard work, and will review the list for inclusion on the district's website.

Item #8: Presentation by Sherman Dix regarding sponsorship of Kingsburg Softball

Sherman Dix requested sponsorship of \$750 which will be used for travel costs and a banner for the under 10 travel Posse softball team. The board asked if it would be possible for the banner to have the VHT logo and urgent care information on it, which Sherman agreed to look research.

Gary Nelson made a motion to sponsor the team in the amount of \$750. Second by Arlie Rogers. Tiffany Dix abstained since she is married to Sherman Dix.

Ayes: Rogers, Sanders, Nelson

Noes: None

Absent: Knutson

Abstain: Dix

Item #9: Presentation by Sherman Dix regarding Kingsburg Business Park tax incentive

Sherman Dix shared his thoughts on the possibility, and legality, of the board agreeing to provide tax incentives for new healthcare businesses wishing to build in the Kingsburg Business Park. Moses Diaz will research whether district funds can be used for such projects.

Item #10: Chief Dan Perkins to present on CPR and community risk reduction as well as ambulance funding 2020

Fire Chief Dan Perkins provided a detailed presentation on department statistics, community risk reduction, Station 2 staffing, the AED/CPR program, and regional services. He stressed, as a community, we can reduce cardiac deaths by offering AED and CPR training. He suggested stationing AED machines throughout the community and residents using the Pulsepoint phone app which shows the exact location a 911 cardiac call is placed from. A neighbor could immediately begin and perform CPR until the paramedics arrive, which could prove valuable in saving a life.

He also discussed the current ambulance situation, and how there will soon be a need for another new ambulance, as well as the need for new equipment on fire trucks.

Items # 11 & 12: Closed Session

The board retired to closed session at 6:52. The board returned from closed session at 7:22.

There was nothing to report on the closed session.

Item #13: Review and approval of district Bylaws and/or Financial Policy

Tabled until April 2020 meeting.

Item #14: Preparation for and possible action concerning the Coronavirus

Gary Nelson started discussion on the possibility of the board setting aside funds to be used if a local emergency is declared by either Fresno, Kings, or Tulare County regarding the Coronavirus. The board asked Fire Chief Perkins what sort of emergency funding he needed to assure sanitation of equipment and for first responders and patients. The Chief stated that ambulances must be taken out of service for sanitation if a transported patient tests positive for the virus, and how the department is lacking such equipment. Chief told the board about fogging machines that can be placed inside the ambulance for sanitation purposes, as well as the need for other types of sanitation equipment.

Gary Nelson made a motion to authorize up to \$25,000 to be made immediately available to the City of Kingsburg for the purchase of sanitizing goods and equipment for the Kingsburg Fire Department and its vehicles and staff, which need to remain as healthy as possible in order to assist with emergency calls, which could increase substantially in light of the developments with COVID-19. Second by Tiffany Dix.

Ayes: Rogers, Sanders, Dix, Nelson

Noes: None

Absent: Knutson

Abstain: None

Lori Sanders made a motion to authorize a District declaration of a local emergency and the emergency expenditure of up to \$50,000 to assist with emergency goods and/or services in response to COVID-19

for residents of the District, contingent upon the declaration of a public emergency by any public health agency or authority with territory within the boundaries of the District, in relation to COVID-19.
Second by Arlie Rogers.

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

Item #15: RFP/RFQ for CPA for RY 2019-20 outside audit

Tabled until April 2020 meeting.

Item #16: Signage for After Hours Urgent Care

Member Sanders gave an update on the new After-Hours Urgent Care sign at the corner of 18th and Mariposa.

Item # 17: Participation in the Kingsburg Swedish Festival

Tabled until April 2020 meeting.

Items #18: Board member reports and other items of interest

Member Rogers informed the board that two bottle filling stations were purchased and have been installed at Clay School.

Member Sanders gave an update on the water bottle filling stations to be placed on Draper Street. She has been waiting to hear back from the city on when they will be working on the alleyways before proceeding. She will check with the public works department again.

Item #19: Staff and/or consultant reports and updates

Shereme gave the board an update that two grant applications for the 2020 grant season have been received so far.

Item #20: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, at 4 p.m.