

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

Date: January 11, 2023
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: Kingsburg City Council Chambers
1401 Draper Street
Kingsburg, CA 93631

Members Present:

Todd Thompson, Chairman
Lori Sanders, Vice-Chairman
Kenny Crabb, Secretary
Arlie Rogers, Treasurer
Gary Nelson, Member

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 Thompson at 4:05 p.m. Members Thompson, Sanders, Crabb, Rogers and Nelson. There was a quorum to conduct business.

Item #2: Public Comment

None.

Items #3 and 4: Approval of Consent Calendar

Gary Nelson made a motion to accept the corrected November Treasurer Report. Second by Kenny Crabb.

Ayes: Thompson, Sanders, Crabb, Rogers and Nelson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Lori Sanders made a motion to approve the January Consent Calendar. Second by Arlie Rogers.

Ayes: Thompson, Sanders, Crabb, Rogers and Nelson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Item #5. Quarterly financial update and report by Chief Perkins with the Kingsburg Fire Department on grants

Chief Perkins shared his quarterly update, as well as voiced concerns he has with the district continuing to fund the grant which pays half the salary of 3 additional paramedics. He shared they are having trouble finding/keeping new hires because there is no long-term guarantee of funding their positions. Member Sanders expressed her feeling that the board is dedicated to continuing to fund the program but does want to see it become a bit more self-sustainable since the department is able to capture more calls and generate more revenue with additional staff.

Item #6: Anthony Nguyen with Crestwood to present updates on landscaping project and question and answer session for board members

Anthony gave an encouraging landscaping update. He also shared upgrades and projects which were completed in 2022, such as adding more security, replacing carpet with LVT, re-keying the facility and re-wiring the generator.

He outlined upcoming projects for 2023 which include increasing the HVAC capacity, improving the break room/kitchenette area and upgrading the pathways and lighting in parking areas. They are also looking to install solar parking structures.

Item #7: Annual review and potential updates of district Bylaws and/or other Board policies

Chairman Thompson asked board members to review board policies and home for discussion at the February meeting. He also asked Member Sanders to update the Employee Handbook.

Item #8: Review and consider potential updates and revisions to District's grant application form and grant policy

Chairman Thompson asked board members to review the grant application for discussion at the February meeting. Member Sanders suggests adding verbiage requiring board member names/positions for grant recipients, as well as a 30-day notice when board members change. No action was taken.

Item #9: Consider grant priorities for upcoming and pending grant cycle

Discussion was held on what types of health care needs the board wants to focus on for the 2023 grant cycle. Member Sanders shared she felt predetermining what types of health-related services to focus on when choosing grant applications wasn't proving necessary. Discussion was also held on revising the grant cycle at the same time as the approving the budget in the future. No action was taken.

Item #10: Consider 2023 regular board meeting schedule

The board decided to keep the meetings at 4pm on the second Wednesday of each month.

Item #11: Discussion on maintenance and up keep of drinking fountains within the city

Shereme has been in contact with the public works department and they said they will maintain and clean the 2 fountains the district purchased for downtown.

12. Board member reports, updates, and items of interest

None.

13. Staff and/or consultant reports and updates

Shereme reminded board members to complete and turn in their Form 700s. She informed the board that VHT is waiting for PG&E to connect power to the new facility which will push the opening date to some time in April. The manager of the VHT project will attend the February meeting and provide an update.

Moses informed the board of new legislation that increased bereavement days from 3 to 5, expands sick leave to care for unrelated family members, and the addition of three paid state holidays; Juneteenth, the Lunar Year, and Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day. He also shared that teleconferencing protocols will sunset on January 1, 2024.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held in the Kingsburg City Council Chambers on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Sanders, Secretary