



Klickitat Valley

HEALTH

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1 OF KLICKITAT COUNTY

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2023

Zoom Meeting ID# 886 8964 4597

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Klickitat Valley Health (KVH) Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room A/B as well as via Zoom Conference Call. Commissioner Scott, President of the Board of Commissioners, was the presiding officer. A quorum was present including: Commissioners Pond, Ihrig, Hctor and Sigfrinius.

Also present were: Leslie Hiebert, CEO; Lori Groves, CFO; Charis Weis, Director of Human Resources and Community Outreach; Annie Stone, CCO; Jonathan Hatfield, Director of IT and Compliance Officer; Karrie West, Director Quality and Risk; Erin Wooley, CNO; Jonathan Lewis, Director Environmental Services (via Zoom); Dick Bratton, Bratton Project Management; as well as Barbara Bostick, Recorder.

CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA, BOARD ELECTION & CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Board President Scott called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Commissioner Pond made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Ihrig seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board President Scott asked all commissioners present if anyone had any conflict of interest regarding any items on the agenda. Commissioners noted no conflict of interest.

Public Comment/Business from the Audience

There were four members of the community present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Hctor made a motion to approve the January 2023 Consent Agenda as presented, including: Regular Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2023; and Special Meeting Minutes from February 6, 2023 and February 20, 2023 as well as Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 1,436,310.25; and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$ 1,832,821.63 and Bond payments in the amount of \$ 3,890.00; and Bad Debt in the amount of \$ 127,294.80; and Charity Care in the amount of \$ 31,340.70. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ihrig. The motion carried.

Special Presentation/Board Education

Karrie West presented the Critical Access Hospital 2022 Annual Report. (See copy of PowerPoint filed in Board Book). Following discussion, Commissioner Ihrig made a motion to approve the Critical Access Hospital 2022 Annual Report as presented. Commissioner Hctor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023-02 Surplus Property.

The Board reviewed the items included in the Resolution, after discussion, Commissioner Ihrig made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02 as presented. Commissioner Pond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023-03 Adopting a plan of improvements to the hospital and providing for submission to the voters of the District. Jonathan Lewis noted that he has gotten information regarding the cost of adding an air exchange system for the long term care rooms. He noted that the cost could be \$800,000 to \$1.5 million depending on whether it is a high end or basic system. Dick Bratton noted that he is glad to see that the hospital was able to get funding for the CUP project and that the hospital is in a healthy condition. Leslie noted that the only change to the project from the last time is the addition of the air handler for long term care rooms. She reviewed the efforts that have been made to secure additional funding including grants, like the grant that was received for the CUP project. She explained that the 19.3 million, would be around .79 per thousand in tax.

Dick noted that back in September when he updated the numbers it provided for a 15% escalation across the board. Leslie asked Dick if supply chain issues have been a problem in his recent projects. Dick replied that some electrical components are a year out. Dick noted that he would like to talk to Bouten and Mahlum to see where they are at on the project before he could say if the 15% that was added in September will be enough. Leslie explained that in order to be on the ballot in April, we have to file by Friday. She added that we do have updated finance information from Jeff Fivecoat. Dick noted that he would like an email with the updated finance numbers and then he could talk to Mahlum and Bouten and give a more informed suggestion. Leslie noted that the Board could approve the Resolution today and then could have a special meeting on Friday to change the request amount if needed. Dick asked the Board what the maximum number is that that the Board is willing to ask for. Leslie noted that the Board discussed at the Special Meeting on Monday that they do not want to go over \$20,000,000. She added that we do have room in our debt capacity to ask for more, but only want to ask for what we need and to keep it as low as possible. Jonathan Lewis noted that the \$800,000 for the air handler could be used if needed as the air handler isn't a requirement for the long term rooms to be used. Jonathan Lewis asked if the screening that is in the project plan for the HVACs could be taken out to save funds. Dick asked if there is a city code requiring it. Jonathan replied that there isn't.

Commissioner Sigfrinius noted that he thinks it is a good idea to get all the numbers to Dick to make sure that we ask for what we need. He added that we need to get it right and not come up short and not be able to complete the project.

Leslie asked the community members present if they had any questions. Rob Wing agreed that it should be kept under \$20,000,000. Leslie noted that she met with the surgery department this morning and they have grown so much, they now have over 15 people in their department. Dr. MacGillivray noted that her staff are pumped about the potential for the building project to move forward as they are so limited in their space currently and that the surgery department has great

potential with more space. She added that she is excited about having long term care available for the community as well. The project design video was shown and Commissioner Pond commented that the current design is much better than the original project design from a few years ago. Dr. MacGillivray asked if the link to the project design video can be linked to the Goldendale Recruitment video that Jim Semlor did recently. She noted the importance of educating the community about the surgical services available. Commissioner Ihrig noted that the Board needs to talk about their 3-4 points and get them to Matt Ellsworth. Leslie noted that Matt will be reviewing our previously developed materials and give suggestions. She added that Matt will also be talking with Department Head Managers tomorrow at the Department Head Meeting. She explained to the community members present who Matt Ellsworth is and his experience with the AWPHD helping public hospital districts get bonds passed.

Commissioner Sigfrinius asked if the Commissioners were comfortable with the amount in the resolution. Commissioner Ihrig expressed that the \$19.3 million number is good considering the contingencies and the ability to call for a Special Meeting on Friday if it is determined that \$19.3 is not enough.

Commissioner Sigfrinius noted that it would be a good idea to share information with the people on the “for” committee regarding what we have accomplished the past two years for talking points.

Board President Scott expressed to the community members present her appreciation for how much the Senior Leader team has accomplished in the past seven years and noted that she is proud to be behind them.

After discussion, Commissioner Ihrig made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-03 as presented. Commissioner Sigfrinius seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023-04 Establishing “For” and “Against” Committee(s). Discussion was had regarding establishing a “For” and “Against” Committees. Leslie Hiebert reported that following Monday’s Special Board meeting and with support of the Board she reached out to several community members to gauge their interest in participating on the “For” Committee. She noted that both “For” and “Against” committees are limited to three members each. She added that she confirmed with Attorney Brad Berg that if no member of the Public comes forward to participate on the “Against” committee, the district is not required to search for someone to be on it. Following discussion, Commissioner Hctor made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-04 as presented establishing community members Rob Wing, Norma Miner and Juan Randall as the “For” Committee. Leslie asked if there were any community members in-person or attending virtually that are interested in participating on an “Against” Committee. No one present in-person or attending virtually expressed interest in participating on the “Against” Committee. Commissioner Ihrig seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

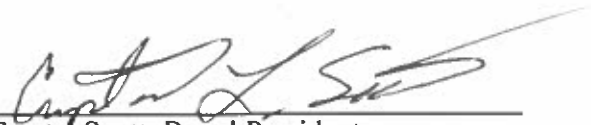
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Written reports were presented from Leslie Hiebert, CEO; Lori Groves, CFO; Jonathan Hatfield, Director of Compliance and IT; Jonathan Lewis, Director of Environmental Services and Safety Officer and Annie Stone, ARNP Outpatient Clinic Director; Erin Wooley, CNO; Dr. MacGillivray, Chief of Staff and Charis Weis, Director of Human Resources and Community Outreach; and Karrie West Director of Quality and Risk.

Commissioner Sigfrinius made a motion to accept the reports as presented
Commissioner Hocter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Sigfrinius made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m. Commissioner Ihrig seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Crystal Scott, Board President



Ron Ihrig, Board Secretary