



Kittitas County Public Hospital District #2

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday: May 20, 2019
Minutes of: Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Meeting Place: KVH Family Medicine Clinic, Cle Elum, WA
Minutes Submitted By: Scott Olander, Treasurer

Call to Order:

Regular Meeting: Call to order made by Commissioner Vatheuer at 6:30 p.m.

Introductions:

Commissioners: Floyd Rogalski (excused), Hartwig Vatheuer, Fred Benjamin, Kevin Nicholson, and Melissa Becker. Superintendent: Julie Petersen; Treasurer: Scott Olander; Ancillary Operations: Rhonda Holden; EMS Manager: Geoff Scherer.

Approval of Agenda:

Action: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Benjamin and seconded by Commissioner Nicholson. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Action: A motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2019 Regular meeting was made by Commissioner Nicholson and seconded by Commissioner Benjamin. Motion carried.

Public Comments/Announcements/Correspondence:

Operations Report:

The Commissioners reviewed the written operations report for April 2019. Geoff Scherer reported that April transports exceeded budget by 3 but were not as busy as they were during the January through March months. YTD there have been 34 more transports that was budgeted and 46 more transports in 2019 than in 2018, a 20% increase. Geoff reported that Medic 7 (new ambulance) is in service and that the new Styrker lift is working well. Geoff reported that Medic 5 and 6 have exhaust leaks that are being repaired. This a common issue with Ford vehicles. Geoff reported that District 2 hired a new paramedic who is working through the 25 call matrix. Geoff plans to have three cars and crews available for Memorial Day Holiday (1 additional ambulance available for 12 hours).

Superintendent's Report:

The Commissioners reviewed the written report for April 2019. Julie reported that dates have been set for the IAFF labor negotiations. Julie, Geoff and Commissioner Nicholson will represent the District in negotiations.

Julie reported that the low bid for the Medical Arts Center renovation was \$1.5 million under the projected cost. She also reported that current tenants, Orthopedics Northwest, Canyon View Physical Therapy, and Memorial Hospital Oncology will continue to lease space in the building.

Julie also reported that Swedish would like to cancel their Cle Elum Clinic sublease from District 1 because they are not been able to recruit providers. District 1 is working with Swedish on an amicable settlement with Swedish. Commissioner Vatheuer asked Julie to inquire if Swedish would consider selling the Urgent Care Clinic building.

Ancillary Report:

The Commissioners reviewed the written report for April 2019. Rhonda reported that District 1 Commissioners appointed two representatives to the Patient Family Advisory Council and would like a representative from District 2. Ann Marie Hill was suggested as a potential representative. Commissioner Becker suggested that the intern work on promotional material that addressed the reason Board is considering a new ambulance station and where the funds to pay for the ambulance station will come from.

Finance Report:

The financial statements for April 2019 were reviewed by the Commissioners. The review included a review of actual versus budgeted revenue and expense variances. Due to positive volume variances YTD Total Revenue is \$69,505 greater than budget. 2019 Total Revenue through April is \$230,031 greater than 2018 Total Revenue. Expense controls resulted in a YTD favorable expense variances of \$70,995. YTD Net Income is \$148,875 compared to budgeted YTD net loss of \$3,168. Commissioner Vatheuer requested a review of L&I rates for the District.

Action: A motion to approve the checks for April was made by Commissioner Nicholson and seconded by Commissioner Benjamin. Motion carried.

Open Door Clinic:

Because monthly clinic volume is very low we will provide an updated report regarding the Open Door Clinic at the July meeting.

Ambulance Station:

There was discussion about the size of the ambulance station, the projected cost per sq. ft. of the proposed station and siting ambulances at different locations in upper county. Rhonda will lead a work group to review expected population growth, traffic growth, station proximity to population centers and other factors.

Other Business:

Commissioners expressed concerns about the high number of miles of on Medic 4 & 5 and the cost to maintain these older vehicles. Commissions authorized Geoff to obtain a firm quote for a new Medic 8 ambulance to be delivered in 2020.

Commissioners approved extension of an agreement for Kittitas County Public Health District to continue parking their van in the District 2 garage.

Commissioners approved issuing payment of \$250 to the Cle Elum Kiwanis to support the Runner Stumbles fun run.

New Business:

Next regular meeting date: June 17, 2019 at KVH Family Medicine Cle Elum.

Announcements:

Executive Session:

There was no executive session.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. by Commissioner Vatheuer.