

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 04, 2020

Time: 19:00 p.m.

Place: ZOOM Meeting, <https://zoom.us/j/375320938>

Present: Tom Langland, President
Don Wolczko, Secretary
Eric Pryne, Position 2
LeeAnn Brown, Position 3
Wendy Noble, Position 4
Eric Jensen, Superintendent
Jojo Weller, Administrative Director

1. Call to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Approve/Amend November 04 Agenda

Commissioner Pryne motions to approve agenda and Secretary Wolczko seconds the motion:

“I move to approve the agenda.”

AGENDA APPROVED 5-0

3. Approve/Correct October 21 ZOOM Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Brown motions to approve minutes and President Langland seconds the motion:

“I move to accept the amended minutes.”

MINUTES APPROVED 5-0

4. Approve/Correct October 29 ZOOM Special Meeting Minutes

President Langland motions to approve minutes and Secretary Wolczko seconds the motion:

“I move to accept the minutes as presented.”

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5. Superintendent Report

- See Superintendent report attached
- Secretary Wolczko asks for the ownership of the x-ray machine to be transferred to the district rather than Sunrise Ridge owning it. Commissioners Pryne and Noble agree. If the district were to operate at a different location it would be easier to move the equipment and the maintenance and repair would be the responsibility of the district/Sea Mar. Superintendent Jensen will look into this.
- Secretary Wolczko comments that when he talked to Tim Johnson at Granny's Mr. Johnson had said not to put anything down on the 2021 budget in the donation line item from them. Mr.

Johnson believed that there might be money to donate to the district at the end of the year but advised not to put an amount in the donation line item. Commissioner Noble agrees not to include the amount rather than assume revenue is coming in.

- Ms. Weller's salary has not been added to the budget as there is discussion on the extension of her position and how much that would pay.
- Commissioner Pryne notes that the district will hold a required public hearing on the budget and levy on 11 November at 19:00.
- President Langland asks if the district expects consulting expenses in 2021 from Joe Kunkle and his group. Superintendent Jensen did not assume this therefore it is not in the budget.
- Commissioner Noble asks about the phone, internet and office line item as the district does not rent or have office space. Secretary Wolczko and Superintendent Jensen comments there are office supplies that need purchased.
- Commissioner Brown asks if the district received its credit card. Secretary Wolczko comments that it is still in the works and he is working with US Bank on this.
- Commissioner Pryne notes that the approved budget for 2021 can be modified as circumstances arise.

6. Old Business/Committee Reports

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

none

TEHNOLOGY AND FACILITY

Good news with Sea Mar

Commissioner Brown got a phone call Monday morning from a client reporting their positive experience with Sea Mar. They called Sea Mar and got an appointment that afternoon for a video conference, Telemedicine, with their MD.

President Langland adds that he had a conversation with Dr. HansPetersen commenting the transition was efficient. Dr. HansPetersen had his first telemedicine appointments on Monday.

FINANCE:

Banking /Expenditures

Secretary Wolczko continues to communicate with Mike Smith at King County Finance regarding the district's request of an additional \$500,000 and change in terms. Mr. Smith notes they will have their meeting sometime this week and the district may know an answer by the end of the week.

As of today, the district is at -\$628,065.59 including two payments, one to Neighborcare Health for \$110,000 and the second to Sea Mar for \$125,000. Commissioner Pryne reminds the public the negative amount of -\$628,065.59 is what the district has drawn from their 1M loan from the county.

Secretary Wolczko motions to approve payment to Sea Mar and Commissioner Noble seconds the motion:

"I move to approve \$125,000 to Sea Mar as our first subsidy payment dues."

WARRANT APPROVED 5-0

President Langland asks if the subsidy amount was prorated as there was discussion on this at the last meeting. Secretary Wolczko mentioned that Sea Mar did start on 02 November so the amount was not prorated.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS:

Commissioner Pryne remains in regular contact with the county assessor's office with updating the proration worksheet and levy limit worksheet on a regular basis so the district has the most recent information at all times as they go about setting their budget and levy.

President Langland mentions that Paul Rowley from Vashon-Maury Island Beachcomber was hoping to get a news piece from the district. Commissioners Pryne and Noble notes that this is in the works.

7. Public Comments (15 minutes collectively)

Ron Smothermon thanks the commissioners for their hard work and service. He notes that Ms. Weller is a valuable asset to the district. He asks if the contract includes Sea Mar fixing any of the equipment at Sunrise Ridge. He thinks the x-ray machine should be property of the district and as a lessee the district should get insurance as soon as possible. He also asks if the district has been in contact with the Park District for discussions regarding the impact of the district's levy amount.

Superintendent Jensen replies that the subsidy for Sea Mar includes expenses for maintenance of equipment. There is insurance in place that Sunrise Ridge has on the building. The district also has some insurance in place and is checking to make sure it is complete coverage for different types of exposures. He has not had any conversation with the park district. Commissioner Pryne adds the district has been in regular contact with the King County assessor's office with determining how high the district's levy can be before bumping into the \$5.90 statutory aggregate cap and have an impact on the park district. As of two days ago the assessor gave him numbers that indicate that the district could have up to \$0.53112/1000 AV before hitting the \$5.90 but this will be changing over the next couple of weeks. The district will take this into consideration whatever levy they adopt.

Debby Jackson comments that the district could use Hillary Emmert as a resource as she did a lot of fund raising for the x-ray machine. She thinks it is a good idea to have a little bit of padding in the budget under supplies/miscellaneous expenses so the commissioners do not have to use their personal supplies. She asks if \$0.52/1000 of assessed value (AV) is the levy amount the district is asking for as she looked up the discussion in the pre-vote and the amount that was discussed was \$0.30 - \$0.60. She agrees with Mr. Smothermon that working with the park district is important since that was an important issue when the hospital district was voted in. She offers her services with public outreach.

Marcie Rubardt welcomes Mr. Sanchez. She comments that she is very interested in Sea Mar's arrival and hopes that they see Vashon community as an asset that they can work with in terms of outreach and support.

8. New Business

Mr. Jesus Sanchez has been with Sea Mar as a volunteer for 25 years. He believes in the commitment that Sea Mar has had for serving the community, many critical populations over the years that have been neglected in many ways. Sea Mar started in 1978, began with that notion that they wanted to provide health care services for communities that had been neglected. He's known Mr. Rogelio Riojas CEO for 40 years and Mr. Riojas' commitment and dedication to the communities is unparalleled and he is an amazing leader. Mr. Rogelio is a hero to Mr. Sanchez in how he has brought that level of care and service to patients throughout the northwest region. Mr. Sanchez's commitment has been to provide as much support funding raising for nearly 25 years. He started working for Sea Mar five years ago. He has seen all the vast amount of complexities, levels of services that Sea Mar provides on a daily basis. Sea Mar also has construction companies and build affordable housing. They just completed a five-story residential housing with a commercial facility at the bottom in Vancouver. Sea Mar believes in health care but also believes in the three-legged stool piece which is that education is just as important as housing as well as healthcare. They look at all those aspects and provide as much of a comprehensive program as possible for all their patients. Mr. Sanchez's focus is to work with clinics and communities from Bellingham to King County which is very fulfilling, challenging and enjoyable. Sea Mar is not able to start off initially in the building this week but they have created a Telehealth program which the current providers are a part of starting Monday morning. He introduces Kerry Barnes their new clinic administrator.

Ms. Barnes is honored to continue on with Sea Mar. She thinks there will be a lot of flexibility in terms of being able to work the needs of the community. Sea Mar has helped support her by getting the vaccine ordered and getting computers into the clinic. She notes that it has been going smoothly. Mr. Sanchez adds that they will provide upgrades to the x-ray machine as necessarily required by federal and state health regulations as well as audits to provide maintenance and calibrations as necessary and as needed. He thanks the board for inviting him and Ms. Barnes to the meeting.

Commissioner Pryne is pleased to hear Ms. Barnes anticipates greater flexibility with Sea Mar in dealing with the needs of the community. He notes that same day walk-in care is important and asks what accommodations Sea Mar can make for this. Mr. Sanchez replies that Sea Mar turns no one away. They make sure they have the capacity, looks at the data that shows the no-show percentage and they schedule in and accommodate walk-ins. Sea Mar will not send patients out the door to come back another day. If the providers are all full the walk-ins would get the next open space. Flexibility is important to Sea Mar and they will make sure they maintain and sustain that level of flexibility.

Commissioner Noble asks about light urgent care as this is one of the matters that have been brought up since the Request for Proposal development. Mr. Sanchez will follow up with Dr. Ricardo Jiménez their chief medical officer to see how Sea Mar will setup this program.

President Langland asks what the name of the clinic is going to be and what the benefits of Sea Mar's alliance with MultiCare in Pierce County are. Mr. Sanchez will talk with the staff tomorrow in regards to the clinic's name and he is talking with Greg Martin at Sunrise Ridge on signage. MultiCare and Sea Mar started working together about a year ago. That is when Sea Mar started their move to the Epic system which was a major transformation for them. It provides a wealth of opportunities for all patients throughout the region. Overall, the values with two large organizations like MultiCare and Sea Mar

working together provides a wealth of opportunities for all patients throughout the region. It affords better opportunities to collaborate as well as look for new innovative ways in terms of care as well as perhaps looking at reducing costs in certain areas. Sharing IT development and technology benefits the community for example Telehealth is really important. Mr. Sanchez thinks there are long range benefits for the communities. Sea Mar is working on a plan for referrals in Tacoma, Pierce County to establish specialty care with one of the MultiCare clinics as well as in the Seattle region. He adds that Sea Mar also has their own specialty care as well for examples cardio, PT and optometry services.

Commissioner Brown asks for Mr. Sanchez's thoughts on the low percentage of Medicaid patients on the island and how it would affect them. Mr. Sanchez will talk to the financing department on this and adds that they do take quite a few plans. He adds that Sea Mar writes off a lot and take losses as they make sure that everyone is taken care of regardless of the patient's insurance plan. Sea Mar has a 340B drug program which allows them to provide low cost medications to patients which helps offset costs.

Secretary Wolczko and Commissioner Noble asks how the Latinx community will be served regarding service and translator services as the Latinx community have been going off island for their care. Mr. Sanchez notes that they are adding bilingual staff to the clinic and is high on their priority.

COMMENTS:

Commissioner Noble would like the board, in the new year, to consider restructuring the committees and think about some policies and procedures that should be adopted.

President Langland thanks everyone for attending tonight's meeting. The next meeting is a Special Meeting on 11 November at 19:00 on the budget and levy hearing and the next regular meeting is on 18 November at 19:00.

Secretary Wolczko motions adjournment and Commissioner Pryne seconds the motion:

"I move we adjourn."

ADJOURNMENT APPROVED 5-0

Adjourned at 20:20