

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 03, 2021

Time: 19:00

Place: ZOOM Meeting, <https://zoom.us/j/94707956113>

Present: Tom Langland, President

Don Wolczko, Secretary (joined at 19:02)

Eric Pryne, Position 2

LeeAnn Brown, Position 3

Wendy Noble, Position 4

Eric Jensen, Superintendent

Jojo Weller, Administrative Director

1. Call to order at 19:01
2. Approve/Amend February 03 Agenda

President Langland motions to approve agenda and Commissioner Pryne seconds the motion:

“I move to accept the agenda as published.”

AGENDA APPROVED 4-0

3. Approve/Correct January 20 ZOOM Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Noble motions to approve minutes and Commissioner Pryne seconds the motion:

“I move to accept the amended minutes.”

MINUTES APPROVED 4-0

4. Superintendent Report
 - a. See Superintendent report, see attached
5. Unfinished Business
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee- Secretary Wolczko, Superintendent Jensen, Administrator Weller
 - i. End of the year report, see attached
 - ii. Voucher Approval
 - iii. Payroll Approval

The District is at -\$912,030.18. Accounts Payable (AP) vouchers include \$125,000 February subsidy to Sea Mar, \$7,340.89 rent to Sunrise Ridge, \$702.25 reimbursement to Tom Langland for the Beachcomber ad. Payroll expenditure for January 16-31, 2021 will be paid on February 05, 2021 in the amount of \$3,654.68.

Secretary Wolczko motions to approve the AP vouchers listed above and Commissioner Pryne seconds the motion:

“I move to approve the subsidy payment to Sea Mar, the rent payment to Sunrise Ridge and the reimbursement to Tom Langland.”

AP VOUCHERS APPROVED 5-0

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

“I move to approve the payroll expenditure.”

PAYROLL APPROVED 5-0

- b. Clinic Relations Committee- President Langland, Commissioner Noble
 - i. Progress Report

Membership includes:

Eric Jensen, VHCD Superintendent, Jenny Johnson, Director of VYFS, Wendy Kleppe, Administrator of VCC, Dr. Mary Bergman and Fire Chief Charles Krimmert. Most of the members represent groups of the island health services network and Dr. Bergman has a life time of experience working in health care as a direct service provider in administration and she was a pivotal member of the collaborative that helped establish the hospital district. There will be representation from Sea Mar but that has not been decided yet.

Sea Mar started their vaccine rollout by seeing patients by appointment, but then changed direction and announced that they would only take walk ins, which created some confusion. Sea Mar is going to be doing all of their clinic vaccination by walk in only. There was a meeting with members of the MRC, Commissioner Noble, Superintendent Jensen and Ms. Kerry Barnes to talk about how the MRC can be of assistance to Sea Mar. The MRC is very willing to assist with the vaccination rollout when Sea Mar gets more vaccines.

Another ongoing concern is that there is still no lab service at the clinic. Mr. Sanchez is working on trying to find a lab technician and hoping to get it resolved soon.

Commissioner Brown asks if the problem with the senior group not being able to figure out the computer signup process had come up in any of the discussions. She asks if there is any talk about helping seniors and how someone without a computer could find out about vaccine information. Commissioner Noble said that this specific issue did not come up and she does not know how they will inform their patients when they get their vaccine. It will be on the VashonBePrepared site like it is now. The problem is the community will find out the day before the vaccine arrives so there is no lead time. Vashon Senior Center has stepped in in the last 48 hours to help with this issue. The pharmacy has enlisted the Senior Center for data input for the seniors who are having difficulty with the online signup. Their data will stay in the system until they get their vaccine.

- ii. Update on improving the landscaping and grounds around the clinic

There was a meeting with President Langland, Alan and Wendy Aman and Greg Martin to discuss the landscaping plans. Sunrise Ridge has money and budgeted for this. Alan is penciling out some designs for

landscape enhancement along the entrance and also for buildings one and two. The Vashon Garden Club is likely going to be the heavy lift for this. Sunrise Ridge will approve the plans and expense.

c. Communications, Planning and External Committee- Commissioner Pryne, Commissioner Brown

i. Update on marketing/promotion efforts

Through the Committee's outreach efforts, it has learned that people have basic questions about the clinic. For example, people are asking what services are available and how they can access those services. The committee has put together a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document, that will have answers to 20-25 questions that they consistently heard. They sent the FAQ to Sea Mar and are waiting for a response. Once the committee receives the answers to the FAQ, they will post it online on the district's website and distribute it all over the island in as many forms as possible.

Wendy Aman was able to get a spot for the district in John L. Scott's regular weekly ad for the February 11 edition. It's on the back page of the Beachcomber in the section called Community Chalk Board. The committee submitted their material today for it.

Debby Jackson arranged for the district to present at a meeting later this month at the Vashon Community Council. Commissioners Noble and Pryne will present the services that are available at the clinic and the changes that have been made since Sea Mar has moved in.

Marci Rubardt led efforts to insert leaflets promoting the clinic in the food bank bags and Senior Center bags.

President Langland and Superintendent Jensen will be interviewed by Voice of Vashon sometime next month.

ii. Update on assorted intergovernmental matters

Commissioner Pryne heard back from the Cemetery District and they are interested in the island-wide taxing district informational meeting. All of the taxing districts: hospital; fire; park; school; and cemetery, will meet in March sometime. They have agreed to have one senior staff member and one or two elected officials. This is an informational meeting only.

House Bill 1034, to remove park and recreation districts out of the 5.90 limit, was approved with a due pass recommendation by the House Finance Committee on a 10-6 party line vote. It is now in Rules Committee waiting for a date for floor action. There is still no companion measure in the Senate.

County Executive Constantine submitted to the county council a legislation to reauthorize the Best Start for Kids Levy. This was a levy that voters approved in 2015 and it has funded the clinic at the Vashon High School. It was a six-year levy that expires at the end of this year. One of the issues for the district is that the Best Start for Kids Levy is one of the levies that is included in the 5.90 limit and the county executive has proposed a higher rate starting in 2022. This year the rate for Best Start for Kids Levy is about \$0.115/1,000 assessed value the proposed renewal legislation would kick that up to \$0.19/1,000 assessed value. However, there is language in the ordinance that appears to provide an opportunity for public hospital districts to be made whole by the county if this levy results in pro-rationing.

Commissioner Pryne has reached out to county Councilmember Joe McDermott and others at the county seeking to clarify this and make them aware of the district's concerns. He heard back from the

councilmember's office and they thanked him for bringing this to their attention and said they would bird-dog this for the district.

7. Public Input, up to 15 minutes, collectively

Andy offers feedback on the confusion he and his wife experienced regarding vaccinations. They were notified that they were able to get an injection. After doing the paperwork online they had to show that document to the appropriate organization who had vaccines on the island. They went to Sea Mar and Sea Mar told them that they were not giving injections to everyone. Sea Mar indicated that they would be calling their patients in the next few days to setup appointments. They had a similar experience at the pharmacy. The pharmacy told them that they had to get a hold of VashonBePrepared and it would probably be a few days. When they tried to get an appointment on the VashonBePrepared site it said the form was not available. They are Sea Mar patients and did get appointments at St. Ann's in Tacoma. He says he is fairly computer literate and chased this for a while until they got the appointment they did. He still has not heard from Sea Mar Vashon of walk-in availability. He would have appreciated concrete information.

Barbara Wells mentions that Sea Mar is no longer calling people and that the Senior Center has stepped in and is doing a wonderful job. She asks if there is a system in place for donations. There are some seniors on the island who would like to make regular donations or donations through their Wills towards a future hospital. President Langland remarks that the district's legal counsel had advised the district to first get the 3M capital improvement dollars over to their name before pursuing a foundation. Superintendent Jensen agrees that donations to the district are tax deductible, but there are restrictions on use of funds that a public hospital district has that a non-profit foundation would not.

Tom and June Dinsmore add that the Senior Center has excellent service. They called on a Monday and got appointments for the following Wednesday. They found out about the Senior Center providing this service through Granny's Attic. They are members at Granny's Attic.

Debby Jackson says that it would be really nice if there was a central communication point that people can go to or a phone tree. For example, when there is vaccine available maybe someone can contact Lydia Aguilar or Hillary Emmer, someone who has a big network, to spread the word.

Commissioner Noble says that VashonBePrepared is the one coordinating the activities through the Senior Center. She recommends that people sign up to get their Situation Report not just for vaccine information but for other emergencies as well.

8. New Business a. OPMA

Commissioner Pryne informed the board that, under new state COVID reopening rules, the district now has the option to again hold public meetings in person, with certain restrictions – but is not required to do so. The Presbyterian Church is not offering space to anyone anytime soon. This is where the Board holds their public meetings. The Board consensus is to wait indefinitely. This topic will be brought up again.

COMMENTS:

President Langland thanks the public for their input and attendance. The next Regular Board Meeting will be Wednesday, 17 February, at 19:00 on ZOOM.

Commissioner Pryne motions adjournment and Commissioner Brown seconds the motion:

“I move we adjourn.”

ADJOURNMENT APPROVED 5-0

Adjourned at 20:30