

VASHON HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

MINUTES — Board of Commissioners meeting, Jan. 15, 2020, Vashon Presbyterian Church

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tom Langland (president), Don Wolczko (secretary), LeeAnn Brown, Wendy Noble, Eric Pryne

CALL TO ORDER: Tom called the meeting to order at 7 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Don presented minutes of the meeting of Jan. 8. Wendy moved, and LeeAnn seconded, approval of the minutes. The motion was approved, 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Before public comment began, Tom noted that, with few exceptions, the state Open Public Meetings Act requires commissioners to discuss district business only in open session. An appearance of disagreement or uncertainty may inevitably result at times, he added, and the public should be aware of that.

Jane Neubauer said she would be concerned if commissioners did NOT disagree at times. She also said the district's interim superintendent should have skills in health-care administration and not just fulfill a clerical role. Jane also said some people are confused about the rough budget and application to King County for an interfund loan to finance the district's operations, and the district should seek to clarify. Bill Swartz said the superintendent, when hired, should be authorized to fine-tune items on meeting agendas.

Patricia Haley said the district's website — now under construction — should be simple.

Paul Tegenfeldt said any mission or vision statements adopted by the district should be prepared with community input. He said he hopes the district will view its mission as extending beyond primary care to include mental health and substance abuse.

OLD BUSINESS — COMMITTEE REPORTS

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: Tom said an advertisement for the interim superintendent position is in the Jan. 16 Beachcomber. He said the ad contained an error, indicating compensation would be \$25-30 an hour. In fact, the budget authorizes compensation in the range of \$40-45 an hour, he said, and this error will be corrected in future advertising. If suitable applicants do not arise from the newspaper ad, Tom said, the committee will explore advertising on social media.

Eric suggested that, in light of the district's retention of Foster Garvey as legal counsel and the expense that entails, the board should consider adopting a protocol for who can call on the firm for legal advice, and under what circumstances.

LeeAnn said that, now that the district has a rough budget, she has asked Enduris and island insurance broker Tom Trigg for information on liability insurance for the district.

TECHNOLOGY AND FACILITIES: Wendy said construction of the district's website is underway. A photo for the home page is being sought. In addition to the home page, she said, other pages will include Documents, Calendar and News & Updates.

LeeAnn reported that islander Jim Boardman had offered to sell the district 6 laptops — one for each commissioner, plus one for the superintendent — and provide ongoing IT assistance, for a price of \$2,340 plus tax. Software will be an additional expense, and will be provided by Eric Langland.

Don moved, and Eric seconded, that the board accept Jim Boardman's offer. The motion was approved, 5-0. Tom noted that commissioners consider it advisable to have district-owned laptops, devoted exclusively to district business, to keep district and personal matters separate for public records and other purposes.

Tom said he would contact our landlord at Courthouse Square to see about obtaining access to our new office space and mailbox.

FINANCE: Don said he would write a letter to the Beachcomber responding to a letter in the Jan. 16 edition raising concerns about the interfund loan the district is seeking from King County. Don also noted that the King County Executive Finance Committee will meet Jan. 16 to consider the district's application for the interfund loan. He said he and Eric would attend to represent the district. Don introduced proposed Resolution 2020-3, requesting that King County serve as the district's treasurer. He noted that the district is required by state law to have a treasurer, and that King County requires as a condition of the interfund loan that it be the district's treasurer. Eric moved, and Wendy seconded, that Resolution 2020-3 be adopted. The resolution was approved, 5-0.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS: Eric reported the committee had met Jan. 14 with leaders of the Vashon Maury Health Collaborative, to update them on the district's activities and seek their support in reviewing applications for interim superintendent and in setting up accounting systems should the application for the interfund loan be successful. Several Collaborative members offered their assistance, he said. LeeAnn said Vashon Island Fire & Rescue might be helpful in setting up accounts. Fire Chief Charlie Krimmert, in the audience, concurred. He said VIFR also has King County as treasurer and uses the same BARS accounting system the district is required to use. Eric also reported the committee, accompanied by John Jenkel, met with Neighborcare Health executives Jan. 15. He characterized the meeting as an information-sharing session, and said Neighborcare has not yet submitted a request to the district for financial support for 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom raised the topic of a district mission statement, noting it had been tabled at the board's previous meeting. Eric observed that, after tonight, all five commissioners will not be in attendance at board meetings until the second week in March. He suggested adoption of a mission statement wait until all commissioners can participate.

LeeAnn said the interim superintendent, once hired, also should be involved in drafting the mission statement. Wendy said the mission statement should be produced by commissioners, as it will represent our values and priorities.

Tom suggested a field trip to Belfair, to meet with leaders of Mason County Public Hospital District #2 and view its clinic, might be of value to the district.

Tom noted that Debby Jackson has been reaching out to island artists, schools and others about a contest to design a district logo/seal. The consensus of commissioners was that the district needed to give more thought to what it wants and needs in a logo/seal, and that Debby be asked to slow down until that occurs. Tom said he would communicate that sentiment to Debby.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Eric moved, and Don seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed, 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Pryne
Commissioner