

VASHON HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

Minutes — Board of Commissioners meeting, Jan. 22, 2020, Vashon Presbyterian Church

Commissioners present: Don Wolczko (secretary); LeeAnn Brown; Eric Pryne
Commissioners absent/excused: Tom Langland (president); Wendy Noble

CALL TO ORDER: Don, presiding in Tom's absence, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: LeeAnn moved, and Don seconded, that the minutes of the meeting of Jan. 15 be approved. The motion was approved, 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fran Brooks said she has spoken with an island resident who has expertise in health care systems, and said the district should examine those different systems as it determines its path forward. She said her source is willing to share her expertise.

Fran also said she understands Vashon is a "health professional shortage area," and as a result may be eligible for federal funding.

Anne Miksch said that several years ago the Vashon Maury Health Collaborative looked into whether Vashon qualified for another potentially helpful government designation - "rural" — and learned it does not.

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STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: LeeAnn reported the district has received a total of 7 applications so far for the interim superintendent position in response to ads in the past week in Beachcomber and the online job marketplace Indeed. She said errors in the initial Beachcomber ad should be corrected in this week's edition. Others have contacted the district to request the job description but have not yet applied, LeeAnn said. She suggested the district wait at least one more week before beginning to conduct interviews.

LeeAnn also said she plans to meet Jan. 24 with Enduris, a potential provider of liability insurance for the district.

FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY: LeeAnn said the district website may be ready to preview as soon as next week.

Don reported on progress toward obtaining the 6 laptops the district has previously agreed to buy for commissioner and superintendent use.

FINANCE: Don reported the King County Executive Finance Committee at its Jan. 16 meeting approved the district's application for an interfund loan of up to \$1 million to fund its operations until it can begin collecting property tax revenue. Don said he plans to be in contact with Mike Smith, King County's chief investment officer, and other King County treasury officials in the next few days to learn the mechanics of accessing the money, establishing accounts, etc. Don

said he has been in contact with a knowledgeable island volunteer who has agreed to assist in this work.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS: Eric reported he and Wendy had met to discuss a district mission statement.

Eric said he believes the district needs to consult its lawyers at Foster Garvey for more precise guidance on compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act, especially with regard to negotiations with potential providers. He said guidance from the Municipal Research and Services Center, the Attorney General's office and other resources is helpful, but the district needs advice tailored to its particular situation. He said he had spoken with Tom, who has been the district's liaison with Foster Garvey, and Tom is OK with Eric contacting Foster Garvey in his absence. After discussion, consensus was reached that Eric should reach out to the lawyers for advice, with an eye toward containing costs.

Eric also said he believes the district needs expert advice as it prepares to negotiate with providers. He said the Vashon Maury Health Collaborative retained Joe Kunkel of The Health Care Collaborative Group in Portland, Ore., to advise them in 2015-2016 when it was searching for a provider to operate the clinic after CHI Franciscan's departure, and that VMHC members speak highly of Kunkel's work. Eric said Tom had met with Kunkel earlier this month, and advised Eric he thought Kunkel could help the district. Eric also said he had spoken with Kunkel by phone, and that Kunkel's previous experience on Vashon means he can hit the ground running.

Consensus was reached that Eric should reach out to Kunkel to submit a proposal to contract with the district for his services.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Don invited members of the audience to provide additional comments.

Patricia Haley said the district should be careful to follow employment laws as it selects and interim superintendent. She also said she has a background in health care, and offered the district her assistance.

Debby Jackson said the district should keep regular office hours at its new office.

Mary Bergman said it's wise for the district to seek outside expertise as it proceeds toward negotiations with providers.

Bill Swartz told commissioners he would like to organize a meeting at the Senior Center with one or more commissioners and the superintendent (when hired).

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Eric moved, and LeeAnn seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved, 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Pryne
Commissioner