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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Sept. 7, 2022

Time: 18:01

Place: Vashon Presbyterian Church, 17708 Vashon Hwy SW, Vashon ZOOM Meeting,
<https://zoom.us/j/94707956113>

Present: Tom Langland, President, Position 1

Wendy Noble, Position 4

Alan Aman, Position 3

Don Wolczko, Position 5

Eric Pryne, Position 2

Eric Jensen, Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 18:01 by Tom Langland.

Approve/Amend Sept 7, 2022 Agenda

Commissioner Langland moved to approve the Agenda with a 2nd public comment period added after New Business. Commissioner Pryne seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approve/Correct August 17, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Noble moved to approve the Aug. minutes. Commissioner Pryne seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum

Commissioner Langland introduced the public forum stating it would be focused on the recent developments surrounding Sea Mar's notice of termination. He expressed appreciation for Sea Mar coming to Vashon in the midst of the pandemic. He stated that while he didn't fully understand Sea Mar's motive for terminating the agreement, he acknowledged that the greatest source of conflict seemed to be the structure of the future capital project. He stated that the District's belief was the community expected and needed a clear path to ownership of the clinic facility. He described the work of the District's Strategic Planning Task Force and how their views were influenced on ownership were influenced by the recent situation with the Vashon Care Center. He also stated that the District has a fiduciary responsibility to protect the long-term interests of the community. He then opened it up to community members present.

Baruch Roter, a part-time physician at the clinic, was first to speak. He expressed gratitude for the efforts of the Board in bringing Sea Mar to Vashon. He felt what Sea Mar was offering in terms of remaining on the island without a District subsidy, was a wonderful opportunity and that District holding onto control was not the most important issue.

Patricia Haley, a member of the District's planning task force, questioned how Sea Mar could make it all work without a subsidy from the District. Several commissioners responded with

concerns about the lack of detail on what Sea Mar was proposing.

Tim Johnson, another task force member, talked about his long history with trying to provide healthcare on the island.

Jeni Johnson, Executive Director of VYFS, shared that it was important in a community the size of Vashon that all the healthcare and social service providers partner together to meet the needs. One outlier could through the entire ecosystem out of whack.

Commissioner Langland then shared some comments from a written communication from Hilary Emmert.

Marcie Rubardt raised a question about where discussions with Sea Mar are now. Is the door closed to say retaining a 3rd party mediator. Several commissioners stated that the door was not closed.

Superintendent Report

Land Purchase Timeline and Phase 1 Environmental - Superintendent Jensen commented on the recently completed the Phase 1 Environmental Assessment. As expected, Krazan's summary states the potential area of concern (PAOC) due to the location of the subject site within the area known to be potentially affected by the Tacoma Smelter Plume. Commissioners did not see this as an issue with purchase of the site.

Administrative Assistant Position – Superintendent Jensen reported that Commissioners Wolzcko and Noble and he met with the candidate earlier in the day. Those attending spoke favorably about the interview. He indicated that he still needed to check a reference on the candidate before considering an offer.

Sea Mar Termination Notice – Superintendent Jensen recapped his efforts following receipt of the termination notice, including his request to extend the termination date. The Board then discussed the conflicting information Sea Mar shared through the media saying they were not leaving the island and want to operate the clinic independent of the District and without a subsidy effective in January 2023.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – It was noted that there are two payrolls to approve this meeting. For the payroll ending Aug. 15, the amount was \$3944.97. For the payroll ending Aug. 31, the amount is \$3944.98. The Warrants for approval for the period ending Aug. 31 total \$132,844.40. A motion was made to approve both payrolls and the warrants. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Outreach Committee – Commissioner Noble provided a brief update on the progress on the new website. Wendy reported on WP Engine that has a website hosting plan. WP Engine has a Professional Plan that has phone support. Once we get this set up Dave will be ready to publish it.

New Business

Primary Care Case Statement – The draft case statement was presented. It is intended for sharing with provider groups who may be candidates to replace Sea Mar. Discussion followed including thoughts about use of a consultant. Alan commented on his desire to see the entire board packet posted when the new website is up.

Public Input

Commissioner Langland again opened up the meeting for additional public comment. Jeni Johnson spoke to the need for the community to have a voice in any provider change. The departure of Sea Mar will impact them as the primary mental health provider on the island. There are already gaps in service that any new provider should help address.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.