



COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE

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WEST SIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MONDAY November 25, 2024 7:00 P.M.

IF APPLICABLE CLOSE SESSION WILL START AT 6:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY BUILDING, KERN STREET

NEWMAN, CA 95360

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Board of Directors: DIRECTOR FELBER, DIRECTOR HELMS, VICE PRESIDENT VARNELL,

CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION-MEETING WILL BE RECORDED

CALL TO ORDER-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 7:00 p.m.

Please take a moment to silence your cell phones

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

PRESENTATIONS

- *Director Felber pinned Alex Moreno as a full-time paramedic for the district.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may bring before the Board matters that are not listed on the agenda. The Board may refer such a matter to the Board Clerk to take it under advisement, but shall not take action at that time. Comments will be accepted during this time concerning any action item on the agenda. The Board will consider all comments prior to taking action on the item as listed on the agenda in the Action Item section. (Gov. Sec. 54954.03). Individual speakers shall be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda items.

- *Dennis Brazil, Gustine California addressed the board and public that he stepped down from his position as board president and representation of zone 4 due to moving out of his zone. He expressed his concerned regarding the measure not passing.*

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be approved by one action of the Board of Directors, unless any member of the Board of Directors wishes to remove an item for separate consideration.

Are there any items on the consent calendar that any member of the public would like to comment on?

2. Minutes of the October 28, 2024, Regular Meeting

Recommendation: Review and Approve

3. Cash Disbursement Journal

Recommendation: Review and Approve

Vice President Varnell introduced the consent calendar. Director Felber made the motion to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Director Helms and carried 3-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

4. Open board of directors' seat for Zone 4, City of Gustine, discussion.

Administrative Service Manager, Roberta Casteel advised the board that the district would be accepting letters of interest for zone 4, City of Gustine for fifteen (15) days, December 13, 2024. Any letters sent to the district office will be presented to the board at the December board meeting.

Director Helms asked for the open seat for zone 4 to put on our social meeting site.

5. Regular Board Meeting December 2024, propose to change meeting date.

Administrative Service Manager Casteel presented the Staff Report. There was no public Comment.

Staff sought permission to change board meeting to December 16th, 2024 from December 23rd due to the holidays.

Director Felber made the motion to change the regular scheduled board meeting to December 16, 2024. The motion was seconded by Director Helms and carried 3-0.

****MEETING STOPPED AT 7:45 P.M. FOR AUDIO TROUBLES; MEETING RECOVERED AGAIN AT 8:00 P.M.**

6. Discussion and possible action concerning recommendation from District's Subcommittee regarding proposed recommendations for the district.

Administrative Service Manager Casteel presented the Staff Report. There was no public Comment.

Legal Counsel, Nic Cardella reviewed the staff report with the board and public. Addressing each of the five bullet points.

- *Director Helms felt that the future of West Side Ambulance did not look good and he felt the citizens put a price on lives. In addition, the fire department city engines had no ALS. He felt nothing positive would come out of this and had concerns of losing employees.*
- *Director Felber was not in agreement of the board filing bankruptcy he felt it was a band aid fix. He felt that the district should look for reorganization and help from the two counties.*
- *Vice President Varnell would like to see the district move forward with a citizen measure prior to a bankruptcy.*
- *Legal Counsel stated the Citizen Measure would have to be set up by the citizen. The measure would have to be a citizen commitment and financial responsibility. The measure could be highly challenge and would have to find funds to cover the cost of the measure.*
- *Public Comment, Dennis Brazil, Gustine Ca.-Mr. Brazil offered to help with the citizen measure. He also stated that he spoke Assemblyman Juan Alanis and his team they are preparing a bill to present to the state senate. Mr. Brazil also stated with no direction*

from the board the district may have six months. The union contract will need to be addressed.

- *Mr. Brazil also asked the board to investigate campaign tampering that he believed took place during the campaign for measure A.*
- *Director Helms made the motion to have legal counsel investigate the district putting a citizen measure on the ballot and investigate campaign tampering. The motion was seconded by Director Felber and carried 3-0.*

FINANCIAL REPORT-

- Receive Staff Report on Bank Account Balances/Accounts Receivable Reports and Financial statements.
- Presented by Leo Landaverde

AMBULANCE REPORT

1. Receive Staff Report on Ambulance Statistical and Administrative Report.

Interim Chief Administrative Officer Chantale Pakosz presented the October staff report.

- *174 calls and responses.*
- *162 responses.*
- *102 transports.*
- *Provided mutual aid to Patterson, 4 Responses/1 Transports; Received 6 responses, 5 Transports.*
- *Provided mutual aid to AMR, 0 responses/0 Transports; Received 1 responses, 1 transport.*
- *Provided mutual aid to Riggs, 0 Responses/0 Transports; Received 2 responses, 0 Transports.*

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE MANAGER COMMENTS

DISTRICT'S LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS

- *Legal counsel asked that at the next board meeting he wanted to see an item placed on the agenda regarding secure funding for legal counsel. Director Felber made the motion to place secure funding for legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Director Helms and carried 3-0*

BOARD CORRESPONDANCE/COMMENTS

- *Director Helms that he would be submitting a letter of resignation soon, but he would give a thirty (30) day notice.*
- *Director Felber thanked Patterson ambulance and the crew for supporting West Side Ambulance. He thanked staffed for educating him. He also thanked Nic and Leo for the continuous support.*
- *Director Felber did state that one of the reasons he felt the measure did not pass due to the non-support from Newman Fire Department and the city entities. He addressed Mr. Vargas; he stated that he hoped Mr. Vargas would work on getting the two companies to work together now that Mr. Vargas has an association with both companies and will be serving zone 1.*
- *Vice President Varnell thank Mr. Felber for his time on the board along with Mr. Brazil. He also thanked the staff for staying with the district and that the board will continue to fight for the staff.*

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (if needed)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

REPORT FROM CLOSE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Director Helms made motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Felber at 9:10 p.m.

Attested by



David Varnell

Vice President/Secretary



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