



WEST SIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONDAY APRIL 22, 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 7:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Board of Directors: Director Felber, Director Helms (absent), Vice President Varnell, President Brazil
Legal Counsel, Nic Cardella

CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION-MEETING WILL BE RECORDED

CALL TO ORDER-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Please take a moment to silence your cell phones

PRESENTATIONS

- *Pat Rocha, 841 Ash Ave Gustine 95322 presented to the district a plaque from Gustine Newman Garden Club honoring West Side Ambulance by having the US Forestry planting a 100 seedling trees in our name. The district is the Garden Club 63rd honoree.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may comment on matters that are *not* listed on the agenda at this time. The Board may refer such matters to the Board Clerk for discussion and consideration at a future meeting, but otherwise shall not take action at this time.

Public comment will be accepted concerning any item on the agenda when that item is called. The Board will consider all comments prior to taking action on the item.

Speakers shall be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be approved by one action of the Board. Any member of the Board, or member of the public, may request to remove an item from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

Are there any items on the consent calendar that any member of the Board or public would like to be considered separately?

1. Minutes of the April 8, 2024, Special Meeting

Recommendation: Review and Approve

2. Cash Disbursement Journal

Recommendation: Review and Approve

President Brazil introduced the consent calendar. There was no public comment. Vice President Varnell made the motion to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Director Felber and carried 3-0 vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

- 3. Discussion and possible action concerning recommendation from Ballot Measure Subcommittee regarding (a) consulting services with Kurt Oneto and (b) proposed engagement letter.**

Roberta Casteel, Administrative Service Manager presented the Staff Report.

Presentation of terms of engagement with law office, Kurt Oneto related to advice and recommendations regarding placing a parcel tax measure on the November 2024 ballot. A motion was placed at the April 8, 2024 board meeting for the district to enter into an agreement with Kurt Oneto regarding a parcel tax measure.

Legal counsel spoke with Kurt Oneto and that the agreed amount is not to exceed \$30,000.00 for any work done regarding the parcel tax.

Vice President Varnell made the motion to approve the engagement letter and for the Board President to sign agreement on behalf of the district. The motion was seconded by Director Felber and carried 3-0 vote.

- 4. Discussion and possible action concerning designation of representative for labor negotiations with United Steel Workers, Local Union TEMSA 12-911.**

Roberta Casteel, Administrative Service Manager presented the Staff Report.

The current CBA with USW, Local TEMSA 12-911 agreement expires on June 30, 2024. The board needs to designate a representative for upcoming labor negotiations.

Vice President Varnell made the motion to appoint Board President, Dennis Brazil to represent the district for upcoming labor negotiations. The motion was seconded by Director Felber and carried 3-0 vote.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding Paramedic wage and retention.

Roberta Casteel, Administrative Service Manager presented the Staff Report.

Operational staff expressed their concern on paramedic wages to the board, the low wages could be affecting employee retention. The district's wage scale is significantly lower than surrounding EMS agencies.

Kevin Hurd, employee stated that the number one problem is hiring paramedics in Merced and Stanislaus counties and that the district having lower wages may present a problem.

Director Felber stated that this maybe something we look at after the measure passes. Director Varnell felt that the increase should happen now.

Legal counsel suggests to set up a Special meeting for the board to discuss with a possible action on increasing wages.

The board asked Leo Landaverde, district's accountant to put together some numbers to present to the board at the special meeting.

Vice President Varnell made a motion to discuss increasing paramedic wages at a special meeting to be held on April 29th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was recorded by Director Felber and carried 3-0 vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Power Point presentation on Bank Account Balances/Accounts Receivable Reports and Financial statements

AMBULANCE REPORT

1. Receive Staff Report on Ambulance Statistical and Administrative Report
Statistical Report Chantale Pakosz presented March 2024 operations report to the board which outlined responses and transport for both Counties.
 - Total Responses 177, 124 transports for service.



COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE

D I S T R I C T

- 1 Requests for Service to Merced resulting in 1 transport.
- 4 requests for Service to AMR resulting in 4 transports.
- 10 requests for Service to Patterson resulting in 9 transports.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE MANAGER COMMENTS

- EMS week, May 19th to 25th, 2024

LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS

BOARD CORRESPONDANCE/COMMENTS

- Director Felber stated that he saw on Facebook that the Newman Fire Department and our crew played a game of softball. He stated that he like to see this happen more in the future. Director Felber stated he like to see this on an agenda in the future.
- President Brazil thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and reminded the public that it was the public's time to speak up in public comment section of the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION 7:48 p.m.

Board of Directors may recess to closed session for discussion of certain matters as legally permitted. Any action taken shall be reported in open session.

- Significant exposure to litigation, 54956.9(b), 01
- Initiation of litigation pursuant to 54956.9©, 01
- Conference with Labor Negotiators, 54957.6, United Steel Workers, Local Union TEMSA 12-911

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION-MEETING WILL BE RECORDED

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION 8:50 p.m.

- Nothing to report out

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Varnell made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Helms at 8:50 p.m.



COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE

D I S T R I C T

LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS

BOARD CORRESPONDANCE/COMMENTS

- Director Felber thanked Paramedics, K. Hurd and D. Suarez for their patience's.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Felber made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice President Varnell at 8:30 p.m.

Note:

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Attested by

David Varnell

Vice President/Secretary

❖ **BOARD AGENDAS AND MINUTES**

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