

SOUTHERN INYO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, the Board of Directors will conduct this meeting via video and tele-conference. A physical location will not be available to the public. You may participate in the meeting by using the call in number specified in this Notice of Meeting. If you wish to speak to an item on the agenda, please inform the Board Chair when she asks for public comment. The Board's normal rules for public comment apply: speakers are limited to 3 minutes per item. You may also email comments to mperkins@sihd.org prior to the start of the meeting, and your comment(s) will be distributed to the directors at the meeting.

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PRESENT

Charles Carson, President
Bruce Branson, Vice President
Carma Roper, Secretary (via phone)
Jaque Hickman, Director (via phone)
Mark Lacey joined at 4:49 p.m. (via phone)

OTHERS

Peter Spiers, CEO
Maritza Perkins, Executive Assistant
Chester Beedle, Financial Consultant (via phone)
Scott Nave, Legal Counsel
Amanda Ferrell, Radiology
Fred Hawkins, Ridgecrest Regional
Anonymous Caller

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

ACTON: Vice President Branson moved to approve the March 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Agenda. Director Hickman seconded.

Board of Directors:

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Carma Roper
Secretary

Mark Lacey
Treasurer

Jaque Hickman
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Roll Call-

Jaquie Hickman "AYE"
Carma Roper "AYE"
Bruce Branson "AYE"
Charles Carson "AYE"

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda: These items are considered routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. If a member of the Board or public wishes to discuss an item, it will be removed from Consent and considered separately at the end of Business Items.

1. Approval of Minutes

a. Special Board Minutes 01/19/2021

ACTION: Secretary Roper moved to approve the consent agenda (Special Board Minutes 01/19/2021). Vice President Branson seconded.

Roll Call-

Jaquie Hickman "AYE"
Carma Roper "AYE"
Bruce Branson "AYE"
Charles Carson "AYE"

B. Ad HOC Committee (Legal Counsel)

Scott Nave stated that SIHD reviewed the current employee handbook and HR Policies. It will require some more hands on work rather than just a simple update. It was suggested that the Board of Directors add and appoint the Ad HOC committee (two directors) to go through the policies and the handbook with HR, Scott Nave and Peter Spiers. That way when it goes to the Board of Directors, we will have some overview and input from board members.

The two directors on the Ad HOC Committee will be Carma Roper, Secretary and Jaquie Hickman, Director.

ACTION: Vice President Branson moved to approve that Carma Roper, Secretary and Jaquie Hickman, Director be in the Ad HOC Committee. Director Hickman seconded.

Roll Call-

Jaquie Hickman "AYE"
Carma Roper "AYE"
Bruce Branson "AYE"
Charles Carson "AYE"

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III. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

Chet Beedle, Financial Consultant reviewed the December 2020 financials. (*Financial reports are provided at the end of these minutes.*)

Treasurer Lacey joined the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

B. CEO Report & Hospital Operations Update

Peter Spiers, CEO reviewed the CEO report. (*CEO report is provided at the end of these minutes.*)

C. Employee of the Month- March 2021

The March Employee of the Month goes to Ligaya Pavia, Ultrasound Tech.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

President Carson gave thanks to Peter for driving the hospital in the right direction. Seems like everyone is still on board with what our goal and vision is.

Vice President Branson gave thanks to Peter for his ambitious agenda, and he looks forward to doing it.

Director Hickman stated that the school district is starting to inquire about SIHD's rehab services. Also, two patients voluntarily stated that they thought that the Wound Care Services was wonderful, and they were thankful that they did not have to go out of town for services.

Director Hickman stated that the board appreciates the fact that Peter Spiers, Chest Beedle and Scott Nave work together.

Treasurer Lacey commented that the signs look great and thank you for the reports.

Peter Spiers stated that the goal is to be the #1 Critical Access Hospital.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Existing Litigation (Govt Code 54956.9): Chapter 9 Bankruptcy

B. Real Property Negotiations (Govt Code 54956.8)

Property: 380 N. Mt Whitney, Lone Pine, CA 93545

Agency negotiator: SIHD Board of Directors

Negotiating parties: SIHD, Cody Christenson

Under negotiation: Terms of purchase

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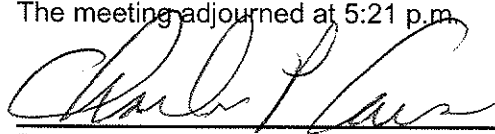
Jaque Hickman
Director

VII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT


In closed session, the Board discussed the status of the chapter 9 case and real property negotiations. No other items were discussed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.



Board President or Secretary



Date

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