# SOUTHERN INYO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

# Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 Time: 4:30 p.m.

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### **PRESENT**

Charles Carson, President Bruce Branson, Vice President Mark Lacey, Treasurer (via phone) Jaque Hickman, Director (via phone)

#### **ABSENT**

Carma Roper, Secretary

#### **OTHERS**

Peter Spiers, CEO
Maritza Perkins, Executive Assistant
Anita Sonke, Controller
Chester Beedle, Financial Consultant (via phone)
Scott Nave, Legal Counsel (via phone)
Genoveva Southey, Human Resources (via phone)
Fred Hawkins, Ridgecrest Regional (via phone)
Anonymous Caller

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m.

Vice President Branson moved to approve the April 13, 2021, Regular Board Meeting agenda. Director Hickman seconded.

**Board of Directors:** 

Charles Carson President

Bruce Branson Vice President Carma Roper Secretary Mark Lacey Treasurer Jaque Hickman Director Roll Call-

Bruce Branson Charles Carson "AYE"

Jaque Hickman

"AYE"

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Secretary Lacey joined the meeting.

## II. <u>BUSINESS ITEMS</u>

**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. Regular Board Minutes for 01/12/2021
  - **b.** Regular Board Minutes for 02/09/2021
  - c. Regular Board Minutes for 03/09/2021
  - d. Special Board Minutes for 03/12/2021
- 2. Approval of Medical Staff Privileges
  - a. Ismael Cota, NP, Two Years Extended Medical Staff Privileges
- 3. Approval of Contracts/Agreements
  - a. Forefront First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement
  - b. Garner Professional Services, LLC Contract-Rehabilitation
  - c. Rehabilitation Services Agreement for Lone Pine Unified School District

Peter Spiers, CEO gave a brief background on the three contracts/agreements presented. Scott Nave, Legal Counsel reviewed all three contracts/agreements. (Forefront First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement, Garner Professional Services, and Rehabilitation Services Agreement for Lone Pine Unified School District).

**ACTION:** Director Hickman moved to approve the consent agenda as presented (Approval of minutes for 01/12/2021, 02/09/2021, 03/09/2021 and 03/12/2021. Approval of Extended Medical Staff Privileges for Ismael Cota. Approval of Contracts/Agreements for Forefront, Garner Professional Services and Rehabilitation services agreement with Lone Pine Unifies School District). Vice President Branson seconded.

#### Roll Call-

Jaque Hickman "AYE" Bruce Branson "AYE" Charles Carson "AYE"

Mark Lacey "AYE"

### B. Budget Assumptions 2022 (Financial Consultant)

Chet Beedle, Financial Consultant reviewed the Budget Assumptions for 2022. (Budget Assumptions for 2022 report is located at the end of these minutes.)

**ACTION:** Vice President Branson moved to approve the Budget Assumptions for 2022. Treasurer Lacey seconded.

Roll Call-

Jaque Hickman "AYE"
Mark Lacey "AYE"
Bruce Branson "AYE"
Charles Carson "AYE"

C. Cardinal Health Commitment Agreements No. 00297474.0 & 00297471.0 (CEO)

Peter Spiers stated that Cardinal Health is our primary vendor for pharmaceuticals, and they worked and review the contract with Jody Mills, SIHD's PIC. Scott Nave, Legal Counsel reviewed the agreements. Peter Spiers would like to go back and trim a few things on the agreements and clean up the language.

There are two separate agreements. One for out-patient and one for in-patient.

**ACTION**: Director Hickman moved to approve the Cardinal Health Commitment Agreements No. 00297474.0 & 00297471.0 with Scott Nave and Peter Spiers to work with Cardinal Health on changes and delegate Peter Spiers to sign the final contract. Vice President Branson seconded.

Roll Call-

Jaque Hickman "AYE"
Mark Lacey "AYE"
Bruce Branson "AYE"
Charles Carson "AYE"

### III. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

Chet Beedle, Financial Consultant reviewed the January 2021 financials. (Financial reports are provided at the end of these minutes.)

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- April 2021

Don Large, Maintenance Tech was nominated the Employee of the Month for April 2021.

**Board of Directors:** 

 Charles Carson
 Bruce Branson
 Carma Roper
 Mark Lacey

 President
 Vice President
 Secretary
 Treasurer

Jaque Hickman

Director

# IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

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

Vice President Branson asked about the back-up generator. Peter spiers stated that SIHD is waiting on funds from the air pollution control district. SIHD needs the support from air pollution control to get a new generator.

Vice President Branson asked about visitor parking. Peter mentioned that SIHD will work on a plan for restructuring and re-doing the paint on the parking.

Treasurer Lacey asked if the parcel tax assessment was taking care of. Currently, no. Scott Nave will work with Vice President Branson on drafting a letter to the two individuals who sent an appeal this year.

## VI. CLOSED SESSION

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

## VII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

In closed session, the Board and counsel discussed the chapter 9 bankruptcy. No other items discussed. No action taken.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Board President or Secretary

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