

SOUTHERN INYO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2019
Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Southern Inyo Hospital-Conference Room
501 East Locust St
Lone Pine, CA 93545

Secretary Carma Roper will be participating via phone
230 N. Webster, Independence, CA 93526

AGENDA

PRESENT

Jaque Hickman, President
Richard Fedchenko, Treasurer
Carma Roper, Secretary (via phone in the district)

ABSENT

Charles Carson, Vice President
Mark Lacey, Director

OTHERS

Peter Spiers, CEO
Anita Sonke, AP
Scott Nave, Attorney (via phone)
Chet Beedle, Financial Consultant

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.

Treasurer Fedchenko moved to approve the 07/31/2019 Special Board Meeting agenda.
Secretary Roper seconded. All Approved.

Roll Call-

Richard Fedchenko	"AYE"
Carma Roper	"AYE"
Jaque Hickman	"AYE"

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Attis Management Response Letter

Owner of Lee's Frontier is submitting an application for a dispensary of marijuana. He will also be putting in a Jersey Mike's Sub in town.

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The background on this item-Owner of Lee's Frontier owns Attis Management and they have marijuana dispensaries in many places.

Attis Management had a public meeting at Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce. The school board was quite concerned. The business partner from Attis Management provided information and calmed the fears.

There will be an application approved in Southern Inyo and points to Lone Pine. There will be a proposal put together. Attis spoke with the county and they would like to give a percentage of net to SIHD as a revenue source.

Attis Management is asking for SIHD to give a response to their application. They already have one from the School, Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce. This letter does not need to state that SIHD is in favor but can say we don't object.

Treasurer Fedchenko wanted to know what happen with the discussion of the hospital to include a dispensary. President Hickman stated it's not an impossibility but with the timing and energy to put together has not come about. One of the things we need to consider is that we don't have a local pharmacy anymore. SIHD needs to look into getting a pharmacy here. Attorney Nave stated SIHD would also need to make sure that Medicare and Feds would allow us to dispense marijuana.

This could be put on the bankruptcy plan as a revenue source. SIHD could also set a minimum of our expectation. For example, a minimum of 15k given to the district a year. The terms are negotiable.

Action: President Hickman moved to respond to Attis with a response letter stating SIHD doesn't have any objections to their application for marijuana business in South County-Lone pine. SIHD will work with Attis Management to negotiate a benefit for SIHD's revenue cycle. Treasurer Fedchenko seconded.

Roll Call-

Richard Fedchenko	"AYE"
Carma Roper	"AYE"
Jaquie Hickman	"AYE"

B. Resignation of Director Richard Fedchenko

As of August 1, 2019, Richard Fedchenko resigns as Treasurer of SIHD's Board of Directors.

Attorney Nave stated that SIHD needs to post a notice stating the vacancy for 15 days. If the Board of Directors does not elect within 60 days, the County will need to elect in 30 days.

A replacement is needed ASAP.

To be included on the vacancy notice- Letter of interest and qualifications. A resume can be included.

The Board of Directors will need to have the nomination at Open Session. The Directors will announce in September Regular Board Meeting or at a Special Meeting.

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C. High Desert Medical Contract

High Desert Medical is SIHD's Lab Medical Director.

Attorney Nave stated that High Desert Medical wants to include clinical services. Even though it does not include clinical services on the Medical Directorship contract. If the Board is fine with this, we can do a physician services agreement for High Desert to provide laboratory services. Also, High Desert Medical requested for SIHD to sign permission for them to bill Medi-cal and insurance companies. Attorney Nave stated that usually the district is responsible for billing and collecting patient charges. Peter Spiers, CEO and Chet Beedle, Financial Consultant will have to weigh in on this.

Chet Beedle stated that there are various pathologist that are starting to request to be able to bill patients for the professional component. The thing with that is the pathologist will bill the patient for the professional fees. The patient will receive an invoice from hospital and then another invoice from pathologist. The other hospitals that Chet deals with stated they do not like that approach and do not allow this. President Hickman agrees and stated that she doesn't want that to happen. This will create negativity to our community.

What happens if High Desert Medical does not want to continue with services if we do not allow the billing for professional fees?

Chet Beedle suggested to contact surrounding hospitals and see if the pathologist is willing to take on another hospital.

The Board request that George to look at different sources. SIHD is to get the facts together and include item at the next board meeting.

Business Item "C" is to be tabled to the next Board meeting.

III. CLOSED SESSION

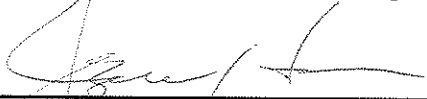
- A. Personnel Appointment: Interim CEO
- B. Potential Litigation: Medefis
- C. Existing Litigation: Chapter 9 Bankruptcy

V. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

In closed session the Board discussed one case of potential litigation involving Medefis, the Chapter 9 bankruptcy existing litigation, and upon motion by Director Fedchenko, seconded by Director Roper, voted unanimously to appoint Peter Spiers as Interim Chief Executive Officer for a six month period. No other items discussed. Closed session adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNED

The open session meeting adjourned at 4:19pm.



President or Secretary of Board of Directors

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