

TEHACHAPI VALLEY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
116 W E Street
Tehachapi, CA 93561
October 14, 2021
Conference Call # 351-888-6527
12:30 pm

Board Present: Mike Nixon, Christine Sherrill, William Steele, Duane Moats

Staff Present: Caroline Wasielewski, CEO; Lisa Hughes, Business Manager;
Scott Nave, Legal Counsel via teleconference

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Nixon called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Board Director

William Steele entered a motion to appoint Carl Gehricke to the Board of Directors for Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District. Christine Sherrill Seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and approved. Christine Sherrill, Secretary of the Board, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Gehricke.

MSA; STEELE/SHERRILL; 4-0; APPROVED

B. Leasing of TVHD Water Rights

Jay Schlosser, engineer with the City of Tehachapi spoke to the Board about the City's interest in the 21-acre feet of water rights currently held by TVHD. The city primary goal is to purchase the rights and secondary would be a lease of said rights. Mr. Schlosser asked that CEO Wasielewski begin formal negotiations with the city on behalf of Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District. Director Sherrill moved to approve Ms. Wasielewski to negotiate with the city. Director Moats seconded. One question regarding past water rights agreements was asked by Director Steel and answered by Mr. Schlosser. The board voted and approved the motion.

MSA; SHERRILL/MOATS; 4-0 APPROVED

C. Resolution Authorizing Remote Meetings During State of Emergency

Legal counsel Scott Nave explained the extension of the Brown Act measure that expired on September 30, 2021. If there is a state or local emergency or edicts for social distancing, public agencies can continue with remote meetings. The resolution will allow continuation of remote meetings for Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District. Director Steele made a motion to approve, Director Sherrill seconded. A vote was taken, and resolution approved.

MSA; STEELE, SHERRILL; 4-0; APPROVED

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. 115 W E Street Community Resource Center - planning, work session

The board reviewed a list of ideas and needs for the proposed new community center to be built on the site of the old hospital. They agreed that solar power would be included and that generators would be purchased and available to use in the facility in the event of a power outage. A water collection system interests the Board as well as fiber optic internet technology. The board agreed that at least two electric car chargers would be useful for the community. Mr. Schlosser suggested a few government entities and sites that could be a source of grant money for the charging stations. At this point in the discussion, Mr. Nave asked if Director Gehricke had property near the site. Mr. Gehricke responded in the affirmative. Counsel Nave advised the board to cease the conversation at this point.

VI. **BOARD COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**

Christine Sherrill proposed to the Board that the new Community Center be named after Sam Conklin. President Mike Nixon agreed and the time will be on the next regular Board Meeting.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm

Respectfully,



Christine Sherrill
Secretary