

TEHACHAPI VALLEY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
116 W E Street
Tehachapi, CA 93561
December 14, 2021
Conference Call # 351-888-6527
10:00 am

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

Staff Present: Caroline Wasielewski, CEO; Scott Nave, Legal Counsel

Guests: Emilio Flores, CFW

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Nixon called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

1. Board of Directors Special Meeting, 11/2/21
2. Board of Directors Special Meeting, 11/9/21
3. Community Outreach Meeting, 11/9/21

MSA; SHERRILL/STEELE; 5-0; APPROVED

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Summary of Bond Refunding Presentation

Emilio Flores from CFW announced to the Board that the refunding of the \$545 million bonds with Capital one was successful. **The** transaction closed on December 7, 2021 and created \$7.6 million in tax savings which works out to about \$350,000 in annual savings until 2043. These are federally taxable bonds and can be converted to tax exempt bonds in November 2023. Mr. Flores explained the overall savings structure and that it is equally distributed over time. The next steps are to prepare for conversations from taxable to tax exempt beginning in June 2023. This is not obligatory but will allow taxpayers to realize greater savings. CFW will be inContact with TVHD as the date approaches. There will be an

article in the Tehachapi newspaper explaining the refunding of bonds.

B. Authorization of Change Form for the Transfer of Funds for California State Treasurer's Office Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)

CEO Wasielewski informed the board that the LAIF investment account has not been updated for some time. She proposed that the Board approve the updating of the Transfer Forms in order that the current administration can complete funds transfers as necessary. Action taken would be to remove previous CEO Suksi and CFO Beedle and add CEO Wasielewski. The Board was asked to approve. C. Gehricke motioned to accept; C. Sherrill seconded.

Approved

MSA; GEHRICKE/SHERRILL; 5-0; APPROVED

C. Bank of the Sierra account signers change

CEO Wasielewski informed the Board that the Bank of Sierra accounts needed to have authorized signers updated. Ms. Wasielewski requested that for Bank of the Sierra please remove Chester Beedle and Sam Conklin, adding William Steele and Carl Gehricke as authorized signers. Remaining on the account will be Christine Sherrill, Caroline Wasielewski, Duane Moats, and Mike Nixon. D. Moats motioned to accept; C. Sherrill seconded.

Approved.

MSA; MOATS/SHERRILL; 5-0; APPROVED

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **115 West E Street Project**

1. Demo Update

Ms. Wasielewski reported on the final status of the demo of old hospital at 115 W E St.

2. Community Center Ideas

The Board briefly discussed the future community resource center. The conversation was halted to move to conversation regarding a Request for Proposals.

3. **RFP for Architectural and Engineering Services**

The board discussed getting an architect or engineer first. Legal counsel Scott Nave spoke about the advantages of doing a design build for the new center, which would combine the design and build processes in one project. Board chair Mike Nixon stated that there needs to be drawing and design first. This would make is necessary for architectural services initially and then bids can go out for engineering services. The board

discussed and C. Gehricke made a motion to have C. Wasielewski and S. Nave work on an RFP, for architectural services, for the next meeting. The motion was seconded by C. Sherrill. It was voted on and approved.

MSA; GEHRICK/SHERILL; 5-0; APPROVED

VI. REPORTS

A. Finance Report

CEO Wasielewski discussed the report in the meeting packet. She reported on the financial health of the district for the months of October 2021 and December 2021. There were no questions.

B. CEO Report

CEO Wasielewski commented that all items for the CEO report were covered in previous items on the agenda. No additional questions were asked.

C. Community Outreach Report

Director Steele reported on the recent Community Outreach meeting. The committee was introduced to Josh Pierce's assistant, Amanda. They reported on upcoming Adventist Health events and planned for future needs.

D. Strategic Planning Report

Committee member Mike Nixon reported that the committee recommended that an architect be brought on to work on the Community Resource Center project. An RFP will be drafted for review at the next full board meeting.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

D. Moats asked Ms. Wasielewski to make sure an article about the bond refunding was submitted to the newspaper. C. Gehricke commented that Dr. Horowitz's family practice was converting to an Adventist Health physician practice as of December 1.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

A. Real Property Negotiations: Water Rights Purchase Agreement
Open session ended at 10:43 AM and the Board went into Closed Session.

IX. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The Board discussed water rights negotiations. No action was taken, and no other items were discussed.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christine Sherrill".

Christine Sherrill
Secretary