

**Tulare Local Health Care District
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 6:00 PM
Administrative Offices, Modular Building
842 N. Gem, Tulare, CA
(Northeast corner of Terrace and Gem Street)**

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MINUTES

May 24, 2023

Tulare Local Health Care District Board Members Present:

Kevin Northcraft	President	District 4
Mike Jamacia	Vice President	District 2
Xavier J. Avila	Secretary	District 5
Jevon Price	Treasurer	District 3
Kathy Nesper	Director	District 1

1. Call to Order

President Northcraft called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM, noting all members and staff present.

2. Public Comment

Marmie Fidler commented on the Summer Jubilee that took place on May 20th at Zumwalt Park.

Mary Zepeda shared the need for a location to host the “Valley Renal Support Group” which is hosted by Maria Grijalva.

3. Board Announcements

Director Jamacia, Chairman Northcraft, Director Nesper, Director Price, and Director Avila advised the Summer Jubilee was a successful event, noting entertainment was excellent and dinner was great.

Director Northcraft stated that he would like to move numbers 9, 10, and 13 up to number 3. Without an objection, the items were moved to accommodate community members.

4. Proclamation of Appreciation Presented to Dennis A. Mederos

The Board of Directors presented the Proclamation of Appreciation to Dennis Mederos.

5. Proclamation of Appreciation Presented to Stephen C. Harrell

The Board of Directors presented the Proclamation of Appreciation to Steve Harrell.

6. Certificate of Appreciation to Maria Elena Grijalva for being a National Kidney Foundation Award Honoree

The Board of Directors presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Maria Grijalva for her dedication to the Valley Renal Support Group and thanked her for her service within the community.

7. Consent Agenda

a. 03/22/23 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Director Jamaica, seconded by Director Nesper to approve the minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Finance Committee Update

Randy Dodd reviewed the Financial Statements with the group. A motion was made by Director Price, seconded by Director Avila to approve Tulare Local Health Care District Internal Financial Statements dated April 2023 and the Evolutions Internal Financial Statements dated April 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Director Jamaica, seconded by Director Avila to pay off the Adventist Health Line-of-Credit, Tulare Hospital Foundation, and TLDC (Tulare Land Development Company) Loans. Motion carried 5-0.

Randy Dodd discussed the advantages of lowering the capital threshold. The recommendation was made to lower it from \$5,000.00 to \$2,500.00. A motion was made by Director Price, seconded by Director Jamaica to approve the new threshold. The revised Fixed Asset Policy will be brought to the Board in June. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Tulare Hospital Foundation Update – Jan Smith, Director of Philanthropy

Marmie Fidler shared that the Summer Jubilee was a success and thanked the Board members for attending. The next event hosted by the Foundation will be the Festival of Trees.

10. Adventist Health Tulare Update – Sheri Pereira, Site Administrator

Randy Dodd gave a brief update regarding the proposed therapy building.

11. Evolutions Fitness & Wellness Center – Jayne Presnell, Executive Director

Jayne Presnell advised that the Summer Block Party was a huge success, they had 53 new members sign up during the event which is a new record for sign-ups in one day. She continued to review membership numbers with the group.

12. Discussion and Action Regarding the HVAC Proposal for Evolutions from New England Sheet Metal and Mechanical, Co. – Nancy Overstreet, Project Manager/Randy Dodd, CEO

Randy Dodd reviewed the repair and replacement costs for HVAC equipment over time, rather than immediate replacement of all with the group (spreadsheet included in Board Packet). It was noted that the three items in light green on the included spreadsheet are urgent needs. A motion was made by Director Avila, seconded by Director Price to go out to bid on the two (2) HVAC Units model number 48ZND040-EK (estimated total \$147,670.68) and model number 48AKD030 (estimated total \$104,548.17) Motion carried 5-0. Information on the dehumidifier will be brought back to the Board next month.

A motion was made by Director Avila, seconded by Chairman Northcraft to go out to bid on the additional six (6) HVAC units in dark green on the spreadsheet (38AQS008, 38BYCO48340, 38BYCO48340, 38BYCO42, 38BYC48340, 38BYCO48340). Motion carried 5-0.

13. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding the Environmental Engineering Services from Provost & Pritchard for the Tulare Local Healthcare District Hospital Expansion Project – Nancy Overstreet, Project Manager/Randy Dodd, CEO

Gretchen Heisdorf (appearing by Zoom) shared additional details regarding the proposal of services for the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPP). A motion was made by Director Jamaica and Seconded by Director Price, subject to terms and conditions to be reviewed by legal counsel. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding the Proposal from DSC Architects Existing Hospital Kitchen Piping Refresh/Plumbing Revisions – Nancy Overstreet, Project Manager/Randy Dodd, CEO

Randy Dodd advised the proposal from DSC Architects is to take the existing plumbing revision through HCAI for permitting and then into construction. The previous design will be refreshed with revisions to meet the current code for the Hospital Kitchen cooking line. A motion was made by Director Avila, seconded by Director Jamacia to approve the proposal with DSC Architects. Motion carried 5-0.

15. Chief Executive Officer Report

- a. Property Management Update
 - i. Leases
 - ii. Property Repairs Update
 - iii. HCAI Requirements
 - iv. Sale/Use of Properties Update
 - v. Projects
 - 1) Asphalt Update for Tower parking lots
 - 2) Engie Solar for Evolutions Fitness & Wellness Center
- b. Investment Update
- c. Additional Projects Update as Desired by Board or Noted by Staff

Randy Dodd reviewed the list of updates with the Board.

16. Open Session Ended at 8:28 PM

17. Closed Session Opened at 8:32 PM

- a. Potential Litigation (*pursuant to Govt. Code § 54956.9*) (one item).
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing litigation (*pursuant to Govt. Code § 54956.9*):
 - i. Tulare Local Healthcare District v. Bruce R. Greene, et al., Superior Court for the State of California, County of Kern, Case No. BCV-19-103514.
 - ii. The People of the State of California v. Dr. Yorai Benzeevi et al., Superior Court for the State of California, County of Tulare, Case No. VCF401053A/B/C.
- c. Conference with agency-designated representatives (Kevin Northcraft and Jevon Price) on labor negotiations regarding Chief Executive Officer position (*pursuant to Govt. Code § 54957.6*).
- d. End Closed Session.

18. Reconvene Open Session at 10:00 PM – Public Report of Action Taken in Closed Session (If Necessary) pursuant to Government Code 54957.1.

No action was reported out.

19. **Adjournment 10:03 PM – Next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at the Administrative Offices, Modular Building, Northeast corner of Terrace and Gem Street.**

Xavier Avila, Board Secretary