

Orcas Island Health Care District
Board of Commissioners - REGULAR Meeting Minutes
REMOTE BOARD MEETING
December 7, 2021
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present (via Zoom):

Art Lange, President
Diane Boteler
Patricia Miller, Secretary
Pegi Groundwater
Richard Fralick

Staff (via Zoom):

Anne Presson, Superintendent

Commissioners Absent:

None.

I. Call to Order

President Lange called the 22nd meeting of 2021 to order at 5:00 p.m. He noted that there was a quorum with four Commissioners present; Commissioners Boteler joined later. He welcomed members of the community to the meeting.

When asked if anyone had modifications to the Agenda, none were indicated.

II. Public Comment

There were no requests for Public Comment at this time.

III. Consent Agenda

The items contained in the Consent Agenda included the November 16, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

**MOVED by Commissioner Groundwater, seconded by Commissioner Fralick to approve the Consent Agenda.
VOTE 4:0:0. MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. Executive Session – The commissioners entered into Executive Session at 5:02 under RCW 42.30.001(g). They returned to the Regular Meeting at 5:45. No action was taken.

V. Old Business

- a. **2022 Staffing** – Superintendent Presson stated that after difficult personal considerations she had respectfully declined to accept the position of full-time Superintendent and would be leaving at the end of December. Lange thanked her for extraordinary service. He then stated that the Staffing Committee would like to offer Tom Eversole a contract as interim Superintendent and asked for a special board meeting on Dec. 9 for an executive session to consider the recommendation.
- b. **RHC Update** – Presson reported that the Compliance Group’s certification survey revealed only one minor item that needed correction and that a plan of action for correction needs to be approved; the date of that approval of the plan of action will be the official date of certification. Once the entire process is complete, and if the clinic is grandfathered under the

former reimbursement rate, the retroactive adjustment to the interim encounter rate based on the 2022 cost report will go back to the official date, not the opening of the clinic. The date difference results in a cost differential of just under \$400,000. The final encounter rate will be determined sometime in 2023. The District will need to work with Island Hospital (IH) to reconcile should any additional subsidy payments be requested. IH has been holding Medicare claims since April and hasn't been collecting copays; Presson will discuss this at her next meeting with IH. The administrative/grandfathering solution to reimbursement rates continues to look the most hopeful.

VI. New Business

- a. **December/January Board Meetings** – The commissioners will plan to meet on Dec. 21, Jan. 11, and Jan. 18.
- b. **DOH Office of Rural Health funding for strategic consulting** – the consultant for the Lopez PHD is seeking ORH funding, and our District needs the same kind of info and could work with Lopez. Lange indicated the board is interested in doing so.

VII. Committee and Work Group Reports

- a. **Building Group** –
 - i. Fralick reported that the refrigerator and freezer have been repaired but need new homes. The Lopez clinic, or perhaps a pharmacy or the County, may be interested.
 - ii. The maintenance contractor has signed the contract. Fralick did a walk-through with him. The contractor will provide a list of what requires regular maintenance.

VIII. Operations Report

Presson has been working with UW on final accounting for the FY21 final payment. Just over \$50,000 was credited to the clinic from the PPP loan, so the final payment will be about \$67,000 less than budgeted. The forecast on property tax revenue looks good. Costs for electrical work has been adjusted and will appear in the January budget. Transition costs for IH are mainly for COBRA and will probably be significantly less than \$21,000. We received about \$243,000 from the Brown Trust, \$43,000 more than expected, and the extra funder were transferred into the Reserve Fund. The Accountability Audit will be completed this month, at an estimated cost of \$9,100, about \$1,100 more than was estimated by the SAO two years ago. Based on the favorable audit, it's expected going forward the Accountability Audit will be able to be performed every three years.

Presson reported that the minutes taker, Susan McBain, has requested to step down but is willing to continue during the transition to the interim Superintendent.

IX. Public Comment

There were no requests for Public Comment at this time.

X. Upcoming Meetings

The next Regular meeting of the OIHCD Board is scheduled for December 21. January regular meetings are scheduled for Jan. 11 and 18. Other meetings were listed on the Agenda.

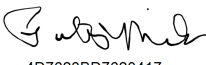
XI. Meeting adjournment

MOVED by Commissioner Boteler, seconded by Commissioner Groundwater to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. VOTE 5:0:0. MOTION CARRIED.

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Minutes approved this _____ day of _____, 2021.

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Attest: Patricia Miller, OIHCD Board Secretary

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Date signed