

Sunday March 22, 2020

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Stephen Falk, Commissioner

Attending:

Commissioners: Kandace Harper, Stephen Falk, Richard Dennis
Superintendent: Barbara Wayland
Financial Advisor: Paulette Ladner
Recording Secretary: Farrah Carsten

**Introduction of
Guests:**

Dr. Sean Bozorgzad, Bennett Blaustein, Virginia Lester, Shivé Marshall

Provider's Report:

Immediately before the meeting Dr. Sean Bozorgzad provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic via live tele link. Bennett Blaustein provided a live audio feed via YouTube that allowed people in the community to listen in.

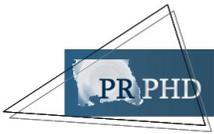
**Superintendent's
Report:**

COVID-19: It is imperative for the clinic to be open for non-coronavirus related issues. If 1 person is infected that can shut down the clinic altogether. There is no testing being done at the clinic so if someone has a fever or sore throat, we can advise them to isolate & keep the Doctor posted on progress. Physical Exams, Wellness Checks are not being performed at this time. There isn't protective gear for the staff. There's a national shortage. The virus stays in the air for 3 hours so it would be beneficial for residents to call the clinic first before coming in.

The Fire Department is equipped to test for the virus and send it to the lab. EMS will have to transport patients to the mainland.

The Hospital District commissioners made the following Motion in view of the Covid-19 pandemic and resulting public health concerns regarding holding public meetings, and because certain business of the District must be carried out, even under these extraordinary circumstances.

Motion 1: In the event that the District board is unable or unwilling to meet during the period of the current public health emergency, the board hereby authorizes the District's financial advisor to approve and process for payment by Whatcom County (a) all normally occurring invoices provided that they are within 150% of their average amount over the last 12 months (or relative to the year-ago invoice, for those that fluctuate by season) (e.g., for electricity, propane, telephone, water, property insurance, directors insurance), and (b) payroll for its three employees for up to 6 hours/week for the Secretary and 10 hours/week for the Superintendent, and 4 hours per week for the clinic cleaner and the county-established meeting honorariums for each of the three commissioners.



Further, the board hereby authorizes the District's financial advisor to process for payment other invoices after reviewing each such invoice with each Commissioner (by telephone, text or e-mail) and receiving individual approval from a majority (3 or more of 5) Commissioners by e-mail that each such invoice is approved for payment.

Further, when the District board is first able to meet after the payment of any such invoices and payroll by these emergency processes, the board shall review all such payments in open, public meeting.

Motion carried.

Motion 2: The Hospital District is authorized to hold public meetings as virtual meetings in the event that the District board is unable or unwilling to meet during the period of current public health emergency, provided the public can also call in and hear the proceedings.

Motion carried.

Other:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Regular Meeting: To Be Announced

Stephen Falk

Kandace Harper

Richard Dennis

Farrah Carsten