



## Minutes

Point Roberts Public Hospital District

Wednesday September 13, 2023

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Stephen Falk, Commissioner (via Zoom)

### **Attending:**

Commissioners: Stephen Falk, Sara Oggel, Noel Newbolt  
Superintendent: Barbara Wayland  
Financial Advisor: Paulette Ladner  
Recording Secretary: Farrah Carsten

### **Introduction of Guests:**

Dr. Sean Bozorgzadeh, Virginia Lester, Ray Smith, Sara V., Judy Ross, Galen Wood, Elisabeth Mason, Pat Grubb– APB

**Public Comment:** None at this time however Sara V., a registered nurse new to the community introduced herself.

### **Approval of Prior Minutes:**

Approval of minutes from previous PRPHD Regular Meeting (August 9, 2023)  
**Motion:** To approve minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

### **Financial Report:**

#### **Financial Report:**

Paulette Ladner presented the financial report. Current month payables \$16,594.64 / Payroll is \$3,233.00

There are no items to note.

#### **Bills presented for approval as follows:**

Bills paid:

09/01/23 – SuperTrack Urgent Care PLLC = \$16,000  
08/31/23 – Point Roberts Bookkeeping = \$363.20  
08/25/23 – Point Roberts Press = \$50  
09/01/23 – Whidbey Telecom = \$45.39  
09/04/23 – Whatcom County FD #5 = \$117.63  
09/01/23 – Bellingham Business Machine = \$18.42

#### **Payroll as follows:**

Barb Wayland – Superintendent = \$1,827  
Farrah Carsten – Secretary = \$504  
Stephen Falk – Commissioner = \$114  
Sara Oggel – Commissioner = \$114  
Noel Newbolt – Commissioner = \$114  
Deanna Perkins – Cleaner = \$280  
Olivia Hughes – Cleaner = \$280



**Motion:** To approve warrants and payroll for prior months' expenditures as presented. **Motion carried.**

The image shows the SUPERTRACK logo at the top, followed by three small tables. Each table has a header row with columns for Date, Time, Location, and other details. The tables appear to be logs or schedules, with the first table having a 'Date' column and the others having 'Time' and 'Location' columns.

**Clinic Medical Director Update:**

Virginia Lester filled in while Dr. Evans and Dr. Bozorgzadeh were away on vacation for 2 weeks in August. Clinic numbers have been steady and patients from faraway places such as Bowen Island, have been to the clinic.

There will not be free Covid vaccines offered as the government has switched to a commercial release of the vaccine program. By tomorrow all the details will be released and details as to how medical insurance companies will cover it. Dr. Bozorgzadeh has told the supplier that SuperTrack would like to provide the vaccines in Point Roberts but he will have an update at another time (after the government announces the details).

Stephen asked if it would be recommended that he get a booster even though he just had Covid. Per Dr. Bozorgzadeh no booster is required right now because he developed the antibodies.

Both the flu vaccines arrive on Tuesday and will cover the 65+ population as well as the general population. Data on the billing and price for the different vaccines and coverage hasn't been released so Alex will advise when she receives the information on insurance coverage. There are 2 ways for going about this situation for the flu clinics. SuperTrack could vaccinate large numbers of people even if they aren't patients at the clinic, and any folks with financial difficulties or the 65+ that want the more expensive vaccine (quadrivalent). SuperTrack would charge for the cost of the vaccine as invoiced by the supplier. Possibly the commission can pick up that cost if acceptable. The other way is to give people vaccines as they come to the clinic.

Noel asked if it's conceivable to get both the Covid and Flu vaccines at the same time to which Dr. Bozorgzadeh responded with yes.

Stephen said there may need to be a special meeting to discuss vaccine costs and coverage or to have a discussion at the next meeting in October.



**Superintendent's Report:**

**Telehealth Cooperative Meeting:** Barbara participated in this meeting online for a few hours. The discussion was about issues surrounding the need for telemedicine and ZOOM links are being limited due to the upsurge which causes problems for practitioners to have confidential appointments with their patients. Point Roberts is okay however.

**Budget:** The budget process starts next month which will be the busiest time for both Barbara and Paulette. The approval of the budget can be completed during the regular meeting versus a special meeting

**Other:**

Sara had a concern with waiting until the October meeting for information on the flu vaccines since it's flu season currently. Dr. Bozorgzadeh isn't going to hold off on administering the regular flu vaccines. He would like to approve the wording beforehand regarding the flu vaccine information being provided to the community via Nextdoor, Point ePost, etc.

Stephen mentioned that if there is a need to have a special meeting in the interim, it will be scheduled with a limited agenda and appropriate notice will be given with the announcement.

**Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 7:00 pm via ZOOM**

Meeting adjourned: 7:24 p.m.

*Minutes approved verbally at the following month's ZOOM meeting*

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Stephen Falk

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Sara Oggel

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Noel Newbolt

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Farrah Carsten