

**Orcas Island Health Care District
Board of Commissioners – SPECIAL Meeting Minutes
REMOTE BOARD MEETING
January 11, 2022**

Commissioners Present (via Zoom):

Art Lange, President
Diane Boteler
Richard Fralick
Pegi Groundwater
Dave Zoeller

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff (via Zoom):

Tom Eversole, Interim Superintendent

I. Call to Order

President Lange called the special meeting of 2022 to order at 5:02 p.m., replacing the first regular meeting. He welcomed new Commissioner Dave Zoeller and returning Commissioner Pegi Groundwater to the Commission, and Tom Eversole to the position of Interim Superintendent.

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III. Consent Agenda

There were no consent agenda items.

IV. Old Business

a. Staffing

Eversole has begun his work as District Interim Superintendent. During his tenure he will assess staffing needs in order to recommend appropriate staffing when a permanent Superintendent is hired, with attention to fiscal and data management functions.

b. RHC Update

Lange reported on his weekly meetings with Island Hospital (IH) leadership concerning the Island Primary Clinic-Orcas's (Clinic's) RHC status. He reported that the Clinic received RHC certification in a matter of weeks. CMS's fiscal intermediary contractor will next determine the reimbursement rate, likely to be the standard \$100/hr. This may take 1-2 months. Then IH will make the case for grandfathering the Clinic at the previous rate. The final rate will be determined by IH's final 2021 Medicare cost report and will likely be more than \$100 but less than what IH initially budgeted, which could create cash flow problems.

V. New Business

a. Oath of Office for New and Returning Commissioners

Groundwater and Zoeller have both completed their oaths of office and returned them to Eversole.

b. Election of Officers

Commissioner Groundwater was nominated for President of the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Fralick, seconded by Commissioner Boteler and approved 4:0:1 to elect Commissioner Groundwater as Board President for 2022, Groundwater abstaining.

Commissioner Boteler was nominated for Secretary of the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Fralick, seconded by Commissioner Lange and approved 4:0:1 to elect Commissioner Boteler as Board Secretary for 2022, Boteler abstaining.

c. Committee Member Appointments

The commissioners agreed to membership on District committees as follows:

- Finance: Fralick and Groundwater
- Building and maintenance: Fralick and Zoeller
- Quality: Boteler and Zoeller
- Communications: Lange and Boteler
- Staffing: Lange and Groundwater
- Technology: Boteler
- Legal: Fralick and Groundwater
- IH's quarterly after-hours care meeting: Boteler and Zoeller
- RHC status meetings: Lange, Groundwater, and Eversole
- Clinic leadership meetings: Eversole and Groundwater

VI. Committee and Work Group Reports

a. Building Committee

Handyman Carl Capdeville has dealt with most of his assigned work projects. A new work order is needed for January 2022.

VII. Operations Report

The monthly financial report was deferred pending year-end closing. Eversole reported he has been working on initial tasks. He reported that the state Auditor would like to present a standard audit exit report at the next meeting.

VIII. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

IX. Upcoming Meetings & Activities

A special meeting will be held on January 25, replacing the regular meeting scheduled for January 18.

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X. Adjourn

MOVED by Commissioner Fralick, seconded by Commissioner Groundwater and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 pm.

Minutes approved this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Attest: Diane Boteler, OIHCD Board Secretary

Date signed