

ALTA HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2019
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BOARD ATTENDANCE

AREA 1	JAVIER QUEVEDO	VICE CHAIR	PRESENT	
AREA II	KATHY GRANT		PRESENT	
AREA III	YVETTE BOTELLO	CHAIR	PRESENT	
AREA IV	MARTHA SWAIM		PRESENT	
AREA V	MARGIE DAVIDIAN			ABSENT

STAFF

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	CLIFF BRESSLER	PRESENT
CLERK OF THE BOARD	IRENE CLEMENTS	PRESENT
ATTORNEY	MICHAEL WILHELM	PRESENT

GUESTS

CHAD THOMPSEN, DINUBA FIRE CHIEF
AL CERDA,
GARY HERBST, CEO KAWEAH DELTA

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by chairperson Yvette Botello at 11:00 am.
2. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD AND STAFF
3. CONSENT CALENDAR
Motion to approve the Minutes of October 19, 2015 and the 3rd quarter Financial Statement was made by Kathy Grant and 2nd by Javier Quevedo. Motion carried.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
Roger Nuefeld thanked the Alta District for conducting the Alta Healthcare Study Session held on October 19, 2019.
5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Gary Herbst, CEO. Kaweah Delta discussed the needs of his District to construct additional hospital facilities to meet seismic requirements of the State of California. A recent bond effort within the Kaweah Delta District to fund the expansion failed. One of the reasons given by voters was that Kaweah Delta provides significant services to persons living outside the District who were not being required to participate in the expense. A study had been done indicating that residents of the Alta District made extensive use of Kaweah Delta Hospital. Kaweah Delta was interested in discussions with Alta (and at least one other healthcare district) about merging or coming up with

another method to work jointly to get sufficient bonds issued. Kaweah Delta had already approached LAFCO and determined that they would be supportive of a merger. Michael Wilhelm suggested that one might be some type of joint powers arrangement which would allow both districts to retain their separate identities. Following a discussion of several possibilities it was decided that Michael Wilhelm will set up a special study session with the Alta Board and representatives of Kaweah Delta in January to discuss what options are available.

6. GRANT REQUESTS

- a) **Proteus - A request for \$5,000:** to provide playground equipment to the underserved community of London. It was moved by Javier Quevedo to grant the request, 2nd by Martha Swaim. Motion approved. Margie Davidian will need to arrange for the transfer of funds through Cliff Bressler.
- b) **Tulare-Kings Counties Campus Life- Request for \$40,000** to provide funding for a program called "Building Healthy Life Skills through ACEAgenda Overcomers". It is designed to meet the needs of adolescents who have experienced trauma or other mental stresses in their lives. The Board agreed to invite them back to the December meeting to make a formal presentation .
- c) **Valley Health - Request for \$250,000:** To Expand hours of operation at their Urgent Care facility. They confirmed that they were a certified non-profit agency. After a discussion of the need to look at all options available to address the need of increasing the availability of urgent care it was agreed that they would be invited to make a formal presentation at the December Board meeting.
- d) **Cutler/Orosi - Request for "18 AED's"** The cost for each AED is approximately \$1,200. If approved these AED's would be placed at each of their schools and various facilities. They will be invited to make a formal presentation at the December meeting.
- e) **Cutler/Orosi: Request for \$199,044.97** for further funding of a Sport Complex. The Board discussed that it had already authorized \$87,000 for his project and the decision was not to proceed with further consideration of this request for additional funding.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Report on Healthcare Study Session: Chad Thompson and Al Cerda had been selected at the end of the Healthcare Study Session to make the formal presentation to the Alta Board of the findings and recommendations of the Study Session. Approximately 40 members of the community for youth through senior citizens met on October 19th for 5 1/2 hours to discuss the physical and mental health needs of the residents of the Alta Healthcare District. This result is a set of needs and methods of implementation being

developed and prioritized. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Cerda presented the findings and the recommendations from the report that had been prepared at the conclusion of the meeting. After the presentation and discussion of both the Study Session and the recommendations a Motion was made by Javier Quevedo to accept the recommendations set forth in the Study Session Report as guidelines for the Alta Healthcare District. The Motion was 2nd by Kathy Grant and passed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Auditors Report. Dennis Hylton, Auditor for the Alta District, provided his annual audit report to the Board and Staff along with a written copy of his draft report for the year ending June 30, 2019. Hylton reviewed the report with the board recommending changes to keep the District in compliance. Two main concerns were that the current investments of the District with Wells Fargo was not in compliance with the District Policy. Mr. Hylton had been in discussion with Chris Beeman at Wells Fargo and they had discussed certain changes to both the policy and investment strategy to bring both into compliance. Michael Wilhelm provided a draft revised policy based on these discussions. Mr. Hylton was given a copy of this revised policy to review and provide any additional comments he wished to make. The revised policy is to be placed on the December agenda for review and approval. A second area of concern was over whether the Board was regularly reviewing the investments of the funds at Wells Fargo. It was agreed that a presentation of the investment report by the Chief Financial Officer, Cliff Bressler, will be made at each meeting. It was also suggested that if the Board did not understand how the investments are being determined and made that a representative of Wells Fargo should be invited to go through the process with the Board. A final comment was to make sure that the Chair of the Board was regularly reviewing the bank account records to give a check and balance for the District.

8.2 Change in Investment Policy with Wells Fargo. Michael Wilhelm had prepared a revised investment policy (see above). A copy went to Mr. Hylton for any final comments and it will be placed on the December agenda for review and approval.

8.3 Report of Current Investment Account with Wells Fargo. Cliff Bressler had raised the issue of how much of the District funds should be kept in ready cash in the bank and how much should be invested with Wells Fargo. Since the investment funds are readily accessible (one business day availability) most of the funds needed to be in the investment account.

8.4 Sale of Metlife Stock. The District has been holding stock from Metlife for a number of years when it should have been sold back in 2017. Mike Wilhelm presented a new resolution, "Alta Healthcare District Resolution 2019-1" to authorize the immediate sale of the stock. It was moved by Martha Swaim, 2nd by Javier Quevedo to approve Resolution 2019-1 and sell the Metlife Stock. Motion carried. Cliff Bressler and Yvette Botello will take responsibility for this motion.

9. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS & DISCUSSION


Discussion was had regarding the Grant Application form in light of the Healthcare Study Session. Mike Wilhelm will make some changes to the Grant Application form and introduce a revised form at the December meeting.

10. NEXT MEETING: DATE DEC. 19 TIME 11:00 A.M. PLACE: DINUBA FIRE STATION

11. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Irene Clements, Clerk of the Board
Alta Healthcare District