

**Nehalem Bay Health District
Special July 3 Board Meeting Minutes**

Present: Larry Zagata, Sacks Sacks, Tom Mock, Lynda Chick

Guests: David Godsey, Ted Weissbach, Amy Bell, Katie Bell, Phil Ordway, Victoria Stoppiello, Tom Bender, Tom Ayers

Convened 10:00AM

Approval of Minutes: Tom moved and Zagata seconded approving the June 15 meeting minutes as recorded. Unanimously approved.

Release of June 15, 2017 Executive Board Meeting Minutes. Board sentiment was that it was not necessary legally to make the minutes public and would do no harm to release them. Following a short explanation by Sacks on the driver for release, Sacks moved and Tom seconded releasing the minutes. Unanimously approved.

Swearing in Board Member Chick: Zagata administered the oath of office placing Chick on the board.

Appointment to Vacant Board Seat 1: Introductory remarks concerning filling the vacant seat with Chase, Johnson and Weissbach having applied. Stoppiello described her considerable experience dealing with challenges at the Recreation District and White Clover Grange. She is aware the hospital building is slated for demolition but was not at the Pine Grove meeting.

Sacks described Weissbach's eight years of service to the board and contributions noting he lost by only 119 votes. Sacks added his discomfort with appointing someone unfamiliar with ongoing District challenges that had not bothered to run for a board seat. Audience members roundly criticized the Board for not having 'a process' complaining that those applying had not received personal invitations to today's meeting. After continued audience disruptions and multiple hostile exchanges, Sacks said, "I move Ted Weissbach be appointed to fill the vacant seat." Tom seconded.

Chick objected to the lack of vetting discussions and had expected candidate interviews and "a process". She urged tabling the discussion and urged a restart by designing a process, having formal procedures, etc. Sacks noted today is no different than prior appointments and is identical to that utilized by the Fire District and other local Special Districts, ie: no discussion or interviews, just board action. Zagata interjected that this is a decision the board gets to make. More audience demands ensued demanding 'a process' but several board members responded they are comfortable with the current approach.

Sacks noted the motion is pending and called The Question. By rollcall vote: Zagata=yes, Mock=yes, Sacks=yes, Chick=No.

Following the vote, the board was verbally attacked by the majority of the audience with claims of gross incompetence, ineptness, cronyism and hidden agendas. When member Sacks noted the District always properly posts meeting notices, Ordway shouted "No, you do not." This debate on shifting topics continued for some time. Weissbach interjected he is uncomfortable joining the Board under a cloud and urged tabling then restarting the process. Bender complained about the PO notices, did not like the BBQ email list notice or the Pioneer website notice describing all as "inadequate" and called the board "dysfunctional". Issues with the Rinehart Clinic were raised as an example. Chair Zagata described how the District had retired \$50,000 of Clinic PA student debt, spent

over \$60,000 on a dedicated generator and not raised Clinic rent. Sacks added that the Clinic is paying eighty-seven cents per square foot which is well below temperature controlled roll up storage. Additional criticism was directed at the Board because the audience doesn't understand the relationship between the District and Care Center operations. The meeting degraded into shouted accusations and defenses until Stoppiello urged a break. Weissbach noted this ugliness is a bitter pill and he only wants to serve the community. Zagata opined that the assembled group will never be happy with the process and selection seeing no reason to needlessly drag selection on. Tom Ayers supported Sacks' comments noting the way board selection is being done is the norm for this area but catcalls by several people continued with additional accusations of weak ethics.

Following Stoppiello criticism of Care Center appearance, Sacks replied that the District only has two revenue sources with current reserves earmarked for hospital demolition. One renovation has been done but revenue is not available for more. Exchanges then bounced between meeting notice criticisms, advance notice criticisms, notice size criticisms and general board criticisms which received a brisk board defense from members Zagata and Sacks.

Chick put forth a motion asking for the board to, in the future, adopt some formal process for filling board sets. Zagata said he would second such a motion. Tom then formally seconded the motion. After additional back and forth, the board agreed by consensus that the next District manager should draft a policy. Chick added a desire for public input during selection processes. Sacks again repeated that the board will not delegate their responsibilities to audiences and read language from the Oregon AG's meeting book noting public attendance does not mean participation.

Amy Bell once again criticized the District for a lack of public information and no web site. Conversations turned to recording minutes with Chick moving a recorder be hired by September 1st. Godsey interjected that the board had already approved the hire and set the hourly rate at \$18. Chick will call around to find a recorder.

Zagata turned to the last agenda item of administrative support by Godsey until a replacement can be hired and trained. Chick asked about PERS with the reply that there is no PERS liability. Sacks moved, "I move the administrative support agreement with David Godsey be approved" with Mock seconding. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment: Following exchanges with Bender about the upcoming Rinehart Clinic board meeting, urging consultations with an attorney and other renewed criticisms, Sacks may review meeting law about quorums at outside meetings when no District decision will be made. Further discussions indicated that a District quorum will probably not be present making the question moot. The District board does not want to involve an attorney until Clinic positions are known.

Meeting adjourned at 11:54AM