REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

TUESDAY, April 23, 2024, 12:00PM
1011 G Street
Reedley, CA 93654

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Bruce Hunter, Zone 1
Suzanne Johnson, Zone 3
Katthy Omachi, MSW, Zone 5

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
Rikki Shaw, Zone 2

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:
Chinayera Black Hardaman, MPA, CEO
Merari Gutierrez, Program/ Finance Manager
Brooke Garcia (Temp)

OTHERS PRESENT:
N/A

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chair Kathy Omachi

2.0 ROLL CALL: Present: Bruce Hunter, Kathy Omachi, and Suzanne Johnson
Absent: Rikki Shaw

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 Consideration of the District Agenda

- CEO Chinayera Black advised the Board that Agenda item 7.2 was duplicated on the agenda which impacted numbering. To rectify this error, the Board agreed to change the second occurrence of Item 7.2 to Item 7.3. She also requested to insert item 7.4 to discuss the CEO Report.

3.2 /3.3 Consideration of February 27, 2024, and March 12, 2024, regular Board Meeting Minutes

- During review of the February 27,2024 and March 12, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes, Board Member Suzanne Johnson noted that the February and March minutes state that

Board Member Rikki Shaw voted in the action to adjourn the meeting. However, she was not present so this should be edited.

ACTION: Motion to approve the District Consent Agenda with corrections. M/S Hunter/Johnson. Motion passed unanimously: Hunter-aye, Omachi-aye, and Johnson-aye.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

5.0 CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER FOR ZONE 4

- CEO Chinayera Black informed the Board that Board Member Jim Fixel's resignation was effective April 05, 2024. In accordance with District bylaws and regulations, a public notice was posted more than 15 days prior to meeting, stating a vacancy on the District Board, and recruiting to fill Zone 4. CEO Chinayera noted that due to the proximity of the November 2024 General Elections, the appointed individual will serve until December 2024. Additionally, the appointed board member for Zone 4 will be extended an invitation to join the Finance Committee.
- The Board reviewed three letters of interest and resumes from Arlette Ito, Fernando Banuelos, and Pete Perez. While all candidates were noteworthy, the Board particularly appreciated that Frank Banuelos actually lived in the City of Parlier, foreseeing valuable insights he could offer regarding that area. It was also noted that candidate Pete Perez participated in the 2022 election and trailed the winner by only 30 votes, suggesting that he was a preferred candidate by a significant proportion of voters. Also, the Board noted that this appointment is only for 6 months so the experience of Pete Perez as a prior board member allows him to actively serve the board for this brief period without a learning curve.
- After thorough deliberation, the Board determined Pete Perez as the preferred appointee for Zone 4 through December 2024.

ACTION: Motion to approve the appointment of Pete Perez for Zone 4. M/S Hunter/Omachi. Motion passed unanimously: Hunter-aye, Omachi-aye, and Johnson-aye.

6.0 STUDY SESSION-IPAD TRAINING

- CEO Chinayera Black provided the Board members with an introduction of the new iPads intended for accessing board packets prior to the scheduled meeting. This transition will reduce expenses associated with paper and ink printing.
- Unfortunately, the iPads were not fully configured during the presentation, so they were given back to staff, they will be redistributed to the board members once the setup is complete.

7.0 ACTION AND DISCUSSSION ITEMS

7.1 CONSIDERATION OF FY 2024-2025 GRANT CONTRACTS (ACTION)

7.1a	Boys & Girls Club, Developing Healthy Habits, $25K.
7.1.b	On-Site Counseling Center of Fresno Pacific University, Pathways to Hope, $25K.
7.1.c	Valley ROP, Cultivating Healthy Habits at Dunlap- VROP withdrew their request for this funding due to unanticipated delays, and will approach the District in the future for further consideration.
7.1.d	CVJC- Human Trafficking prevention Training, $4,155
7.1.e.	Reedley Lions -pop-up Bike Rodeos, $6K
7.1.f	City of Reedley- swim lessons program, $5K
7.1.g	Sequoia Safety Council, LUCAS Device, $25K
7.1.h	VROP- Mobile Health screening program, $60K
7.1.i	City of Reedley- Pickleball Access,18K
7.1.J	Sierra View Homes- Get Moving Program, 35K.

7.1.k Community youth ministries- Youth Behavioral Awareness Program, $35K
7.1.l PUSD- Behavioral Health Intervention program, $40K

ACTION: Motion to approve grant awards as per agenda item 7.1 as presented. M/S Johnson/Hunter. Motion passed unanimously: Hunter-aye, Omachi-aye, and Johnson-aye.

7.2 CONSIDERATION OF REEDLEY COLLEGE FARMERS MARKET ANCILLARY AGREEMENTS (ACTION)

7.2.a Reedley College, $4,500 annually

- The USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program grant, totaling $114,900, will facilitate the implementation of the Reedley College Farmers Market. However, certain ancillary costs have been deemed non-eligible by the USDA.
- Chair Kathy Omachi stated concerns regarding this ancillary agreement because she was under the impression that these costs were already covered by the USDA grant.

7.2.b Reedley Chamber, $2,000 annually

- CEO Chinayera Black clarified that while the Chamber does offer minimal advertising for memberships, this contract allows for marketing throughout the 10-week season.
- During the discussion of item 7.2, the Board inquired whether these are services that the chamber should already provide for local businesses.

ACTION: Motion to approve Farmers Market ancillary agreements as presented. M/S Hunter/Johnson. Motion passed: Hunter-aye, Johnson-aye Abstained: Omachi.

7.3 CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL INITIATIVE FUNDING TO BEAR MOUNTAIN FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FOR THE "COOK HEALTHY AT BEAR MONTAIN" (ACTION

- Bear Mountain Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization, interested in a grant to offer a healthy cooking class at the library in the amount of $831.
- Chair Kathy Omachi suggest increasing the Bear Mountain funding amount to $1,000 to accommodate additional people or needs.
- Board Member Suzanne Johnson and CEO Chinayera Black propose maintaining the funding amount at $831 initially and reassessing after observing the results.

ACTION: Motion to approve special initiative funding to Bear Mountain Friends of the Library in the amount of $831. M/S Hunter/Johnson. Motion passed unanimously: Hunter-aye, Omachi-aye, and Johnson-aye.

7.4 CEO REPORT

- CEO Chinayera Black reminded the Board of the upcoming General Election on November 15, 2024, the candidate filing period is from July 15 to August 9, 2024.
- CEO Chinayera Black informed the Board that their strategic planning will soon expire. To ensure a more informed and effective planning process, CEO Chinayera Black proposed postponing the scheduled May Board Retreat to October. During this extended period, CEO Chinayera Black will conduct a needs assessment to include literature review of trends, a community survey, and focus groups. This will allow the District to engage with the public and conduct focus groups to assess current needs and gather valuable insights. By October, this information will better equip the Board to reaffirm their goals, priorities, and collective strategic direction.
- CEO Chinayera Black provides the Board with updates regarding the Spring Media Campaign and positive attention gained.

8.0 REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION: PERSONNEL MATTER

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS:
None

10.0 NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Sierra Kings Health Care District shall be on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at the Reedley Executive Center.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION: Motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 2:32p.m. M/S Hunter/Johnson. Motion passed unanimously: Hunter-aye, Omachi-aye, and Johnson-aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Johnson
Board Secretary