SIERRA KINGS
HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

TUESDAY, February 25, 2025, 12:00PM
1011 G Street
Reedley, CA 93654

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	**REPRESENTATION**
Bruce Hunter	Zone 1
Pete Perez	Zone 4
Suzane Johnson	Zone 3
Susan Chapman	Zone 2
Kathy Omachi	Zone 5

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	**REPRESENTATION**
None	

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:	**TITLE**
Chinayera Black Hardaman, MPA	Chief Executive Officer
Merari Gutierrez	Program/ Finance Manager
Brooke Garcia	Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nicole Zeiba	Reedley City Manager

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chair Pete Perez.

2.0 ROLL CALL:
Present: Bruce Hunter, Pete Perez, Suzanne Johnson, Susan Chapman, and Kathy Omachi.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 Consideration of the District Agenda

3.2 Consideration of Meeting Minutes

3.2.a. Special Meeting Minutes - January 21, 2025, 9am

3.2.b. Special Meeting Minutes - January 21, 2025, 10:15am

3.2.c. Regular Meeting Minutes - January 28, 2025

3.3 Consideration of January 2025 Financial Statements

ACTION: Motion to approve the District Consent Agenda as presented. M/S Hunter/Omachi. Motion passed unanimously: Hunter-aye, Perez-aye, Omachi-aye, Chapman-aye, and Johnson-aye.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

5.0 ACTION/DISCUSSION

5.1 DISCUSSION – CITY MANAGER, CITY OF REEDLEY

Item 5.1 provided the Board and Reedley City Manager Nicole Zeiba with an opportunity to engage in an informal discussion about shared goals, mutual interests, and potential areas for collaboration between the District and the City of Reedley

City Manager Nicole Zeiba explained that the City of Reedley's health and wellness initiatives aim to improve the community's quality of life through parks, recreation, public resources, and programs for all ages. She presented three potential projects to increase physical activity in the community:

- Completing the Reedley Rail-Trail to extend through Reedley, with additional lighting for increased accessibility.
- Construct a new gymnasium to accommodate for indoor sports.
- Expand the Reedley Sports Park with the Phase 3 Master Plan, which would include the addition of pickleball, tennis, and volleyball courts.

CEO Chinayera Black mentioned a potential special initiative focused on marketing the Reedley Rail Trail to increase physical activity within the community.

5.2 ANNUAL REVIEW OF DISTRICT BYLAWS - SECOND READ

During the January Board meeting, the Board was presented with a first read of their District Bylaws. At that time, staff was directed to incorporate proposed edits to the following bylaws:

- 5.6. Board Financial Representative
- 6.1. Committees
  - 6.1.a. Finance Committee
  - 6.1.b. Community Investment Committee
  - 6.1.c. Community Health Advisory Committee

Staff made the requested edits but did not delete anything from the District Bylaws. If any language needed to be removed, a strikethrough was applied, and the requested changes were inserted.

Staff was directed to create a Policy and Procedure outlining a standardized process to support District Bylaw 5.7 regarding Removal and Resignation. This will establish a consistent approach for addressing Board Members who are out of compliance.

ACTION: Motion to adopt the amended District Bylaws as presented. M/S Johnson/Omachi. Motion passed unanimously: Hunter-aye, Perez-aye, Omachi-aye, Chapman-aye, and Johnson-aye.

5.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

- CEO Chinayera Black reminded the Board that their Form 700 must be completed by April 2025. They should contact staff if they need assistance.
- **Networking**
  The Board and staff attended the Greater Reedley Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala. Chair Pete Perez presented an award to Reedley College in recognition of their commitment to promoting health and wellness through their participation in the Reedley College Farmers Market.
- **Program Updates**
  Developing Healthy Habits program Boys & Girls Club took their students on an excursion to Wonder Valley Ranch. They participated in team-building activities and learned about the importance of staying active. The program also held a 'Top Chef' competition focused on healthy eating, with Chair Pete Perez serving as a judge.
- **2025-2026 Grant Making Process**
  CEO Chinayera Black updated the Board on the RFP process, which began on January 29, 2025, and will conclude on March 12, 2025.

5.4 CONSIDERATION OF ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FORD CONSULTING FOR THE PREPARATION OF GRANT MATERIALS TO HCAI

CEO Chinayera Black recommended that the Board authorize her to execute an agreement with Amy Ford from Ford Consulting to assist in preparing grant proposals to HCAI. These grants would provide financial support to small and rural healthcare districts to help them meet seismic compliance by the 2030 deadline.

Board Member Kathy Omachi inquired about Ford Consulting's success rate in writing grants and which local hospitals have used their services. CFO Chinayera Black explained that since the passage of Assembly Bill 869 was less than six months ago, few organizations have utilized the company's services. However, Amy Ford comes highly recommended by several districts for her success in securing grant funding and strong working relationship with HCAI.

ACTION: Motion to accept the agreement with Ford Consulting for the preparation of grant materials for HCAI. M/S Hunter/Perez. Motion passed: Hunter-aye, Perez-aye, Chapman-aye, Johnson-aye, and Omachi-abstain.

6.0 REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION: REAL PROPERTY

Government Code Section 54956
Property: 1301 I Street, Reedley, CA 93654

CLOSED SESSION:
Start: 2:25 p.m.
End: 3:08 p.m.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION:
The Board authorized CEO Chinayera Black, in consultation with Board Chair Pete Perez, to make an offer on 1301 I Street, Reedley, CA 93654, in the amount of $700K ($625K for the property with the offices and $75K for the undeveloped land), with the following contingencies: 1) The property is brought up to city, state, and federal standards related to permitting and ADA compliance. 2) A qualified third-party vendor conducts an inspection. 3) The property, including the small residence, is vacated, and the renters are evicted by the seller.

7.0 REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION: PERSONNEL MATTER

Government Code Section 54957
Chief Executive Officer – Annual Assessment

CLOSED SESSION:
Start: 3:09 p.m.
End: 3:21 p.m.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION:
Nothing to report.

8.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS
Board Member Suzanne Johnson announced that she joined the Reedley Historical Society.

9.0 NEXT MEETING
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Sierra Kings Health Care District will be on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at the Reedley Executive Center.

10.0 ADJOURNMENTS
ACTION: Motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 3:30p.m. M/S Perez/Hunter. Motion passed unanimously: Perez-aye, Hunter-aye and Johnson-aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Johnson
Board Secretary