



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
December 13, 2012**

**Health District Office Building
120 Bristlecone Drive, Fort Collins**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Celeste Holder Kling, President
Bernard J. Birnbaum, MD, Vice President
Timothy S. O'Neill, Secretary
Joe D. Hendrickson, Liaison to PVHS Board

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Steven J. Thorson, MD, Treasurer

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Plock, Executive Director
Bruce Cooper, M.D., Medical Director
Richard Cox, Communications Director
Lorraine Haywood, Finance Director
Laura Mai, Accountant
John Newman, Medical Services Director
Chris Sheafor, Support Services Director
Nancy Stirling, Assistant to Executive Director

CALL TO ORDER; APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Celeste Kling called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m. The meeting agenda was amended as follows: remove the November 13 meeting minutes from the Consent Agenda and add an announcement.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended.
Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

2013 Budget Approval

Staff received the last valuations from the County earlier than expected this year. The final valuation was very close; it showed an increase of \$12,657 from the preliminary one. A revised 2013 Budget that includes the tax revenue increase was provided for the Board along with a summary of significant revisions. Changes were made to Personnel/Benefits expenditures (small decrease in salaries per market adjustments, a pay for performance increase from 2.5% to 2.7%, and increase to workers compensation), insurance premiums (decrease in amount), and capital

replacement in reserves. When everything was balanced out, and the addition of a minor expenditure that had been left out of the initial proposed budget, there was \$11,000 remaining, which was placed in the pay for performance fund.

Ms. Haywood explained another change which pertained to the Intermediate Medical Leave benefit. The benefit was initially started with a premium holiday received from the health insurance provider, plus an additional \$10,000 approved by the Board and a decrease of one day of flex time from each employee (after 1 year of employment). The funds have been used and been quite helpful when a need has arisen. There are now sufficient funds for a period of time, and for 2013, we anticipate suspending the one day of flex time decrease from employees. Later in the year, Staff will review the account to determine if it is necessary to re-implement that requirement in the future. A placeholder for the \$10,000 amount remains in the budget.

The Board expressed their appreciation and congratulations to the Staff for their time and effort to present a budget that is easy to follow and understand.

Approval of Resolutions & Certification of Tax Levies

MOTION: To approve Resolution 2012-6 to Adopt the Budget.
Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

MOTION: To approve Resolution 2012-7 to Set Mill Levies.
Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

MOTION: To approve Resolution 2012-8 to Appropriate Sums of Money.
Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

MOTION: To approve the Certification of Tax Levies as received.
Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

With the Board's approval of the Certification, it will be signed by the Executive Director and forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners office as required by State Statute.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

Recognition Agreement/Building Permit Authorization

The Health District recently received documents from Mr. David Wood, PVHS' attorney. The documents pertain to a Verizon contract with the Harmony Valley Condominiums at Harmony Campus to build a communication structure atop the condos, which, per the Health District's lease agreement with PVHS, requires Health District approval. The documents have been forwarded to the Health District's attorney, Ms. Kendra Carberry, for her review, corrections/negotiations if needed, and approval prior to board consideration. Since PVHS would like to complete this agreement in a timely manner, the Board authorized Board President Celeste Kling to review the document and Ms. Carberry's recommendation, and sign on behalf of the Board when the agreement is deemed to be appropriate.

MOTION: To authorize Board President, Celeste Kling, to sign above-mentioned documents on behalf of the Health District Board.

Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA

The November 13, 2012 board meeting minutes were removed from the Consent Agenda.

- Approval of Resolution 2012-9 to Spend 2012 Revenues into Reserve
- Approval of the October 2012 Financial Statements

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended.
Motion/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

STAFF PRESENTATION

Fracking 101: an Introduction to Fracking

At a previous meeting, the Board asked staff to gather some information concerning the practice of hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking” as it is more commonly known, and any potential health effects the practice poses. The practice of fracking has become a topic of interest, as well as some debate, in some nearby communities and the Board is interested in learning more about the practice in case they are approached for an opinion.

Mr. Dan Sapienza, the Health District’s Policy Coordinator, provided a “Hydraulic Fracturing 101” presentation of his learnings and findings in an attempt to better understand how fracturing works as well as any health impacts. Mr. Sapienza noted that the presentation is not meant to be a complete report on health impacts, which will require further research. The presentation provided a basic overview of the process of extracting oil and gases (drilling, hydraulic fracturing, extraction and re-stimulation) and some of the questions that arise about whether there are any health impacts (for example, air and water pollution, soil impact, radiation, seismic effects, etc.). Mr. Sapienza also reviewed some of the federal, state, and local regulations that exist which pertain to the extraction process. Research into the effects of the extraction process, and fracking in particular, on the environment and public health are being conducted locally at CSU and CU School of Public Health as well as by other researchers. Mr. Sapienza noted that at this time, there appear to be many unanswered questions about impacts in currently existing research.

Locally, the City of Fort Collins and Larimer County are looking into the issue of fracking and considering whether to change regulations. Recently, the Fort Collins City Council passed on first reading a 6 month moratorium on fracking to allow time for further research; a similar request was rejected by the Council last June.

Next steps for staff, if the board chooses, would be to detail existing regulations and compile existing research on various health impacts and noting any gaps in those areas.

Board Discussion/Questions

Areas of concern mentioned by board members included: effects of pipe placements in close proximity to homes; health effects on livestock; water pollution and wastewater; level of regulation and enforcement of oil companies; ozone/air pollution; impact on soil; and any other impacts to public health. The Board found the information presented to be very interesting and educational. Board members also expressed the need for a community to set out the meta-issues that their community should consider, and to define the research questions that need to be asked

in order for the community to assure a reasonable level of health and safety for its residents, indicating that they would like for staff to continue its research into this issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- January 22, 2013, 5:30 pm – Regular Board of Directors Meeting

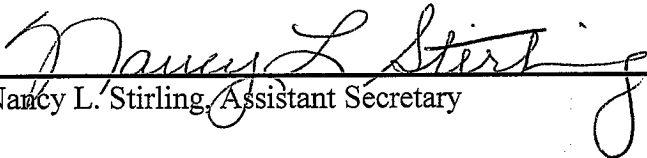
Ms. Judy Robison Bullard, who was Ms. Plock’s first hire and who has worked with at the Health District for 17 plus years, is retiring at the end of this year. A reception is being held in her honor on Wednesday, December 19, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Health District, and Board members were invited to attend and to sign a “Memory Book” for her.

ADJOURN

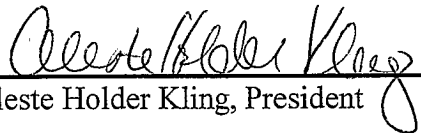
MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.
Moved/Seconded/Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.


Respectfully submitted:



Nancy L. Stirling, Assistant Secretary



Celeste Holder Kling, President



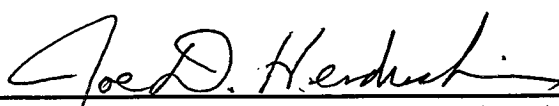
Bernard J. Birnbaum, MD, Vice President

(Absent from this meeting)

Timothy S. O’Neill, Secretary

[ABSENT FROM DECEMBER 13, 2012 MEETING]

Steven J. Thorson, MD, Treasurer



Joe D. Hendrickson, PVHS Board Liaison