

# **FINAL APPROVED February 26, 2020 WMCSHCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES SPECIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

February 26, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.  
Town of Springerville Council Chambers  
418 East Main Street  
Springerville, AZ 85938

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chair Jerry Campeau at 4:32 p.m. Members of the public: Jason Kirk, Gail Nelson, Greg Was, Mark Wade, Chris Nelson and Ross Overson.
2. Roll Call: Board members present: Jerry Campeau, Linda Martin, Marilyn Slaughter and Sandy Crabtree. Dana Overson, Administrator was present. Derek Kidwell was excused.
3. Call to Public: Greg Was thanked the Board for responding to the legislative action amending SB1247 a mirror bill of HB2268 also referred to as the “rate increase bill”. These bills will help improve the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System payment rates to hospitals, physicians and dentists without impacting the state’s general fund or passing the cost of the program on to patients.
4. Approval of Minutes of Directors Meeting held on January 20, 2020.  
**ACTION REQUIRED. ACTION TAKEN: Linda Martin moved to approve the minutes. Marilyn Slaughter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
5. Review/Discussion: 20-21 Funding Application: The 20-21 funding Application has been reviewed by all the board members. Applications will be due April 1, 2020 followed by a presentation of entities applying at the meeting following April 1<sup>st</sup> on or about April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jerry Campeau explained the amount of the funding that will be available is still questionable as we review the statutes and which one applies to us as a district. **ACTION TAKEN: Linda Martin moved to approve the 2020-2021 Funding Application; Sandy Crabtree seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Dana Overson will be sending the applications out to the providing entities and will post it on the website.**
6. Review/Approval of the District 2019 4th Quarter Financial Reports. **ACTION TAKEN: Sandy Crabtree moved to approve the 2019 4<sup>th</sup> quarter financial reports. Marilyn Slaughter seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.**
7. Discussion/Action regarding District public presence and public education including Facebook activity. Jerry Campeau reported that the public office has been moved to the SJ EMS offices since the sale of the St. Johns Clinic; and thanked the City EMS team for their assistance and willingness to allow us to share space. Jerry Campeau asked about a written agreement and some sort of monetary compensation. Jason Kirk agreed to a writ-

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ten agreement and has no concern about monetary exchange. Jason also expressed that in the interest of the District knowing there have not been any questions from the City Council, holding meetings and obtaining a written agreement would be acceptable with the St. Johns EMS group. Jerry Campeau will draft a simple agreement for consideration of the St. Johns City Council. Linda Martin added that she would like to continue with our Facebook Page for the District and asked all attending this meeting to submit ideas for our posts to keep the public informed. Her initial post might be Census and what it means for our District healthcare. Linda Martin also would like to educate the public that they have patient rights to choose their provider, what tests are performed and where they have testing done. Gail Nelson added that perhaps we could hold District meetings at the funded entity locations so the public sees the service providers and where they are.

8. Review/Discussion SJ EMS Emergency Funding Request. Jason Kirk presented the SJ EMS emergency request explaining the remount vs. new ambulance purchase. SJ EMS recently lost one ambulance due to mechanical failure. The \$40,000 motor is done. A remount would make the most cost-effective fix to put the vehicle back in service. The bid has been completed and the cost range between \$86,000 to \$100,000+ range. Therefore, they are asking a funding request of up to \$100,000. Jerry Campeau asked if the City Council could provide a letter to the District expressing the need for funding. Jason agreed to obtain something in writing. Jason continued to explain that there will be upcoming costs for unsupported and outdated equipment the SJ EMS and for all emergency entities, yet more evidence SJ EMS will not be able to withstand the cost to put this unit back in service. Linda Martin asked if any of the entities had considered applying for grants for the equipment. Mark Wade explained that through his research the area entities would need 17 AED units costing \$860,000. The Gila River grant Mark Wade will be applying for has a \$500,000 cap; this will account for 11 units. Gail Nelson mentioned that being a non-profit they are not eligible for most of these grants; the special health care district status may not be eligible. **ACTION TAKEN: Jerry Campeau moved to conditionally approve funding in the amount between \$86,000-\$100,000 for the remount with the condition they submit with the preferred bid, a statement of need from the City of St. Johns. Marilyn Slaughter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
  
9. Administrator's Report.
  - a. FIREPUP Fire and Burn Prevention Program request for support for Fire Safety Activity Workbooks. Jason Kirk informed the board this request is through National Volunteer Fire Safety Council and was mailed out by an auto publication process and although it has the City Fire Chief signature the letters are sent in behalf of the City Fire Department; SJ EMS is not necessarily involved in the mail request. Linda Martin shared her concern as to whether this request is within our funding definitions. Jerry will check with our legal counsel for legal opinion.
  - b. Zoom subscription. The subscription to Zoom was well used during the quick meetings we held for the election; but as we begin regular meetings the free service should suffice. Jerry Campeau and the board agreed. Dana Overson will cancel the subscription

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10. Reports from board. Linda Martin asked Greg Was to report on the recent changes at WMRMC. Greg Was informed the board they have recently hired Kelsey Henry, CFO, Isabel Dominguez, HR Manager, Kathy Clarke, Family Practice MD/ Hospitalist to start in May. Dr. Bornstein has expressed interest in part time hospitalist/clinic MD work. The hospital has financed an MRI machine thru USDA. Their audit has been completed and they now sport a 4-star rating through CMS! The hospital has also signed on a new board member, Travis Udall and acquired the program MD Save for radiology. This insurance is more affordable for the self-pay and high deductible insured. Gail reported that they had 1,136 calls last year and 179 this year. Alpine EMS has one of the WMAS ambulances, 2 paramedics as well as EMT's located right in Alpine allowing great response times for their area.
11. Call to the Public: This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R. S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. No additional remarks.
12. Enter into Executive Session, pursuant to A.R. S. § 38-431.03 A.1, to discuss Personnel Matters. **ACTION TAKEN: Linda Martin moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters, Marilyn Slaughter seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously.** Board entered into executive session @ 6:12 p.m.
13. Return to Public session to take ACTION AS NECESSARY on matters discussed in Executive Session. The board returned to public session @ 6:34 p.m. Jerry Campeau expressed a positive evaluation of the District Administrator, Dana Overson with excellent ratings from the board noting that the board recognizes Dana is underpaid. **ACTION TAKEN: Jerry Campeau moved by recommendation of the board to increase the administrator part time salary to \$18,500 effective March 1, 2020. Linda Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
14. Schedule next meeting. March 12, 2020; time to be determined for a short meeting to discuss Statutes and can be via Zoom.
12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 upon a motion by Jerry Campeau seconded by Linda Martin; unanimously approved.

Minutes approved by the Board of Directors on: May 28, 2020