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VIRTUAL ZOOM REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

VEMS Board of Directors

March 18, 2021 7:00pm

Attended: Jared Heon, William Scollin, Madalene Taggart, Dr. Fred Browne, Joseph Burnett, Brian Mezzapelle, Bryan Ryan, Kyle Kelley (for Jon Lovisolo), Jason Perillo

Absent: Noreen McGorty, David Geloso, Joseph Laucella, Richard Dziekan, Jon Lovisolo, George Temple

Guest: Christopher Brown, Joanne Fleming

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. Meeting began at 7:03pm

J. Perillo asks to make an addition to the agenda regarding approval of the appointment of the auditor for the 20-21 audit.

Motion to add the item to the agenda and that item would be the appointment of auditors for the calendar year ending 4/30/2021 under New Business.

M. Taggart 1st, B. Mezzapelle 2nd, All in Favor, motion passed

2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. J. Heon asks if anyone has any changes to the minute's email to all. No changes

Motion to approve the minutes from meetings dated 10/15,11/19,1/20,2/16

B. Scollin 1st, B. Mezzapelle 2nd, All in Favor, motion passed

3. Public Comment
 - a. No public comment

Motion to close public comment

B. Scollin 1st, M. Taggart 2nd, All in favor, motion passed

4. Executive Director & Finance Report(s)
 - a. J. Perillo reports a few items to review
 - Bundle billing in Shelton has begun. So far no issues encountered, but only a few weeks
 - Dr. Browne and J. Perillo met with Griffin Hospital to get that agreement squared away for the offer to pay into the bundle billing agreement. Waiting for a product from legal at Griffin. Dr. Browne responds that it did go well, but also important the board knows this is a short term agreement, not ongoing. J. Perillo clarifies that it will go during the term of the bundle billing agreement with Shelton.
 - About \$100,000 off budget on revenue. Expenses are under budget but that is solely related to the Trumbull agreement ending prematurely, which we did not expect it. Positive thing is patient services revenue is at budget. Over all wish we are not off budget but our patient services and expenses are on budget.

- Monroe continues to be working very well. Relationship continues to be strong.
- Met with employees due to the Shelton situation being in an article prior to them knowing. They were justifiably upset. I met with them at three different meetings with Chris Brown and the other supervisors and attendance was good. I think the staff needed to understand where we stood and why. They don't want to see change, but expect change to happen. For the most part they want to help us manage that. Please let me know if anyone else hears anything differently.
- M. Taggart asks if everyone has paid (towns) for the 20-21 subsidy? J. Perillo replies that only town outstanding is Shelton and they are aware of it. It needs to go through the EMS commission process to approve the invoice, and they did not meet for quite a while. I have communicated to Noreen McGorty. It was budgeted by the town.

Jared Heon states that we need to add another item to the agenda and that item is to take action on extending the term of the Shelton agreement under new business. Would like to do this on a full board meeting and to give them (Echo) ample notice and so there is no confusion.

Motion to add extension of the Shelton Cooperative agreement to New Business

B. Scollin 1st, M. Taggart 2nd, All in favor, motion passed

5. Supervisor Report(s)

- As we expected, ALS % is down (59 % for February) and Call volume is down, cancellations are still high. But our response time maintains at 9 min average
- All cars are back. Car 4 has minor body damage that needs to be addressed
- Met with Joe Laucella to come up with an operational plan for the duration of the agreement, it will be revisited as things come up, but I think it will allow us to maintain our coverage area in the main bulk of the valley and not strip us of all our services. Reviews the dispatching procedures (1st call, 2nd call, 3rd call). First call still belongs to VEMS as we are the PSA
- J. Heon wants to thank Jason and Supervisors to have the meetings with the staff.

6. Executive Session: in at 7:36 pm

Motion to go into executive session to review pending litigation in relation to the DPH and include Jason Perillo and Chris Brown

B. Scollin 1st, M. Taggart 2nd, All in favor, motion passed

J. Heon confirms Kyle Kelley is Jon Lovisolo Proxy.

Motion to come out of Executive session with no votes or actions taken

B. Scollin 1st, B. Mezzapelle 2nd, All in favor, motion passed

7. Old Business

- No old business

8. New Business

- Ratification of Line of Credit
 - J. Perillo: mentioned at previous meeting about taking out a line of credit. Cash we have on hand more than covers the 6 months' worth of working capital required but wanted to have a cushion. B. Scollin, M. Taggart and J. Heon signed off on the line of credit. Have no intention of using it but wanted to

have it on paper. Would like formally ratify it. There was approval but we did not have a motion on paper and would like to have it.

Motion to Ratify the Line of credit from Liberty Bank

B. Scollin 1st, B. Mezzapelle 2nd, 2 Abstain (K. Kelley, B. Ryan), Motion passed

J. Heon asks for discussion: no one answered

J. Perillo asks for those that abstained was there any questions he can answer online or offline.

Want to make sure there are not any concerns. B. Ryan says he does have some concerns but he will abstain for now since he does not feel he is in the mix yet (new member) to be making decisions at this point. J. Perillo states he wanted to make sure he had the opportunity to ask the questions if he wanted to.

- b. Appointment of Auditors for 20-21 audit.

Motion to appoint Innovative CPA group as Auditors

K. Kelley 1st, B. Scollin 2nd, All in favor, Motion passed

- c Extension of Shelton Cooperative Agreement

Motion to exercise the 6-month extension of the Shelton Cooperative Agreement

B. Scollin 1st, B. Mezzapelle 2nd, 1 opposed (Kelley), 1 Abstain (Ryan), Motion passed

J. Heon asks if there is any discussion. Any questions or thoughts. K. Kelley states he still disagrees with the whole contract. B. Ryan also states he also does not agree. J. Heon points out this is the motion to extend the agreement as the agreement has already been approved prior.

B. Ryan states he understands but as a new member he does not feel comfortable making decisions yet. No other comments.

9. Other Business

- a. B. Ryan asks for forms to sign as a new member and a copy of the budget. J. Fleming sending forms and J. Perillo sent budget while on call.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:47

B. Ryan 1st, B. Scollin 2nd, All in favor, motion passed