



~Approved 8/6/2019~

**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 2, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m. – Board Room**

**Board Members Present:** Dianne Bakke, City of Bigfork; Greg Cook, Koochiching County Unorganized; Matt Huju, Marcell Township; Marie Lovdahl, Itasca County Unorganized; Meredith Morneau, Itasca County At-Large; Kenny Porter, Bigfork Township; George Rounds, Stokes Township; Larry Salmela, Carpenter Township; Casey Sursely, City of Big Falls; Heidi Watson, Koochiching County At-Large

**Via Telephone:** None

**Board Members Absent:** Linnette Davidson, Wirt Township

**Others:** Dr. Ed Anderson, Judy Bergh, Diane Coppens, Ryan Engebretson, Dan Heinecke, Jack Hillstrom, Brad Johnson, Dawn Kern, Angela Kleffman, John Licke, Kristin Logdahl, Christine Lokken, Amanda Niemala, Julie Sandstede, Aaron Saude, Renee Tower

*Chairman Dr. George Rounds called the regular monthly board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.*

*The meeting opened with prayer.*

**I. Community Comments**

Kristin Logdahl, community member, welcomed State Rep Julie Sandstede, thanked the Board for hosting the World Café meeting on May 23, and requested that another World Café meeting be held prior to the proposed tax levy that is due in September.

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**II. Approval of Agenda**

A **motion** to approve the agenda as amended was made by Larry Salmela, seconded by Marie Lovdahl. All in favor, motion carried.

**III. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes 6/4/2019**

A **motion** to approve the June 4, 2019, Regular Board meeting minutes as presented, was made by Matt Huju, seconded by Greg Cook. All in favor, motion carried.

**IV. Information, Discussion and/or Action**

**A. 2018 Financial Audit Report**

Ryan Engebretson from CliftonLarsonAllen presented the results of the 2018 audited financials.

After discussion, a **motion** to accept the 2018 audited financial statement was made by Dianne Bakke, seconded by Kenny Porter. All in favor, motion carried.

**B. Finance Committee Report**

Larry Salmela provided a summary of the Finance Committee meeting that was held on Tuesday, June 25.

**C. Financials**

Christine Lokken presented the financial dashboard report.

A **motion** to accept the financial report for the month of May was provided by the Finance Committee, seconded by Dianne Bakke. All in favor, motion carried.

**D. Accounts Payable**

A **motion** to ratify the accounts payable for the month of May was made by the Finance Committee, seconded by Matt Huju. All in favor, motion carried.

**E. Edward Jones**

Brad Johnson from Edward Jones provided an overview of Bigfork Valley's investments.

The Finance Committee reviews the investment policy annually.

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**F. Strategic Planning Project Committee Report**

Dianne Bakke provided a summary of the Strategic Planning Project Committee meeting that was held on June 11.

Aaron reported that the Visioning Meeting will be held at the Marcell Family Center on Tuesday, July 23.

Bigfork Valley's Summer 2019 Newsletter was distributed.

Larry Salmela made a **motion** that Dan Heinecke provide a Health Care Finance 101 presentation to the public, seconded by Marie Lovdahl. All in favor, motion carried.

The board requested that the presentation be held at two different times on the same day. Aaron Saude and Dan Heinecke will plan the date and time.

**G. Strategic Planning Consultant**

John Strange, retired CEO of St. Luke's in Duluth will provide an overview of health care trends at the Visioning Meeting on July 23.

**H. World Café**

Dr. George Rounds provided a summary from the World Café meeting that was held on Thursday, May 23.

The results of the World Café have been shared with Ed Zabinski and Laura Connelly, the strategic planning facilitators.

**I. Board Vacancies**

No letters of interest were submitted for the City of Effie or Pomroy Township board vacancies.

**J. CEO Report**

Aaron Saude reported that he did not need to access long term reserves and that \$168,615 was reinvested in Edward Jones. Bigfork Valley participated in the parade at Bigfork Wilderness Days on June 8. Aaron updated the National Rural Health Resource Center on the work that has been done for the Community Health Needs

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Assessment. Aaron attended the MHA Region 2 meeting in Virginia on June 13. The SISU board meeting was held on June 14 and the interim CEO was appointed as the permanent CEO. Aaron participated in the BVCF golf tournament on June 22.

Aaron will be out July 8-11 for a TASC Advisory Committee meeting in Washington, DC.

Informational items provided:

- Wilderness Health Board Update – June 2019
- City of Bigfork – Junior Council Member Program

**K. Board Education**

A report from the Minnesota Department of Human Services “Nursing Facility Payment Reform” was provided for Education.

**L. Employee Appreciation**

Alex Cleath and Joey Jacobson were nominated to receive employee appreciation certificates for outstanding job performance. A **motion** to approve the nominations was made by Heidi Watson, seconded by Dianne Bakke. All in favor, motion carried.

**M. Board Meeting Survey Results**

Results from the June regular board meeting evaluation survey were reviewed.

**N. Pending Litigation**

At 10:02 a.m., Heidi Watson made a **motion** to close the meeting to the public for attorney client privilege and pending litigation of the Hospital District against Paul Bunyan and their contractor Buxton Utilities, seconded by Kenny Porter. All in favor, motion carried. Due to attorney client privilege, minutes were not taken, and the proceedings were not tape recorded.

*Closed session attendees: Dianne Bakke, Greg Cook, Matt Huju, Marie Lovdahl, Meredith Morneau, Kenny Porter, George Rounds, Larry Salmela, Casey Sursely, Heidi Watson, John Licke, Aaron Saude and Renee Tower.*

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At 10:26 a.m., Kenny Porter made a **motion** to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the open meeting at 10:40 a.m., seconded by Marie Lovdahl. All in favor, motion carried.

Board members completed the monthly board meeting evaluation survey. Survey results will be tabulated and reviewed at the August regular board meeting.

At 11:43 a.m., a **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Matt Huju, seconded by Larry Salmela. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Renee Tower, Executive Administrative Assistant.

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