



~Approved 9/6/2022~

**Regular Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 2, 2022**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Board Room & Microsoft Teams Conference Call**

**Board Members Present:**

Greg Cook – Koochiching County Unorganized

Tom LaMont – City of Effie

Meredith Morneau – Itasca County At-Large

Gordon Rahier – Pomroy Township

George Rounds – Stokes Township

Larry Salmela – Carpenter Township

Dan Sursely – City of Big Falls

**Board Members Remote:**

Clint Cook – Bigfork Township

Teresa Kittridge – Marcell Township

Joanie Olson – City of Bigfork

Dean Sedgwick – Wirt Township

Heidi Watson – Koochiching County At-Large

**Board Members Absent:**

Marie Lovdahl – Itasca County Unorganized

**Others:** Darla Anderson, Sam Caron, Alex Cleath, Dan Heinecke, Dawn Kern, Angela Kleffman, Aaron Saude, Sally Sedgwick, Renee Tower

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

*The meeting opened with prayer.*

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**I. Community Comments**

There were no comments.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

A **motion** to approve the agenda was made by Greg Cook, seconded by Dan Sursely. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes 7/5/2022**

A **motion** to approve the July 5, 2022, Regular Board meeting minutes, as presented, was made by Tom LaMont, seconded by Dan Sursely. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes 7/19/2022**

A **motion** to accept the July 19, 2022, Medical Staff meeting minutes as presented was made by Greg Cook, seconded by Dan Sursely. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**A. Finance Committee Report**

The Finance Committee meeting was held on Friday, July 22.

Darla Anderson presented the June 2022 financial dashboard report.

*Joanie Olson joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.*

**B. Financials**

A **motion** to accept the financial report for the month of June was provided by the Finance Committee, seconded by Gordon Rahier. The motion passed with 11 in favor and one opposed.

**C. Accounts Payable**

A **motion** to ratify the accounts payable for the month of June was made by the Finance Committee, seconded by Gordon Rahier. The motion passed unanimously.

**D. 2023 Tax Levy**

The Finance Committee made a **motion** to set the final 2023 tax levy at \$836,220, an 8.6% increase from last year's levy (\$770,000). Seconded by Tom LaMont.

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This will be the final property tax levy for 2023.

Roll call vote:

Greg Cook – No  
Tom LaMont – Yes  
Meredith Morneau – Yes  
Gordan Rahier – Yes  
Larry Salmela – Yes  
Dan Sursely – Yes  
Clint Cook – No  
Teresa Kittridge – Yes  
Joanie Olson – no response  
Dean Sedgwick – No  
Heidi Watson – Yes

The motion passed with six in favor and three opposed.

Tax levy talking points will be sent to board members.

**E. CEO Report**

Aaron reported that Bigfork Valley was accepted for a transitional care swing bed grant program through the Minnesota Department of Health. The flood insurance that was required for refinancing the bonds has been cancelled. The Villa roof project is done, and the siding is getting stained. There is new main entrance and ER signage. The nursing home survey resulted in only a few minor tags.

**F. Board of Directors Filing Period**

Dates for filing are August 2 – August 16, 2022. Interested individuals are to file affidavits of candidacy with city or town clerk of residence, or county auditor's office in the case of unorganized positions by 5:00 p.m. on August 16, 2022. The following positions are up for election:

- Carpenter Township
- City of Big Falls
- City of Bigfork
- Itasca County At-Large
- Koochiching County At-Large
- Marcell Township
- Pomroy Township

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**G. Education**

The 2022 Legislative Workforce Survey for long term care was provided for education.

**H. Employee Appreciation**

Missy Padgett, Marilyn David, Cindy Aultman, Susan Lappegaard, Becky Stangland, and Alan Dettmer were nominated to receive employee appreciation gift certificates for outstanding job performance. A **motion** to approve the nominations was made by Larry Salmela, seconded by Meredith Morneau. The motion passed unanimously.

Dawn Abraham, Kaylee Caron, Nikki Warrick, Jailyn Cleath, Jasmine Howard, Amber Vernlund, Jody David, Allan Nodes, Rhonda Hauck, Renee Willett, Dani Lovdahl, and Kim Thomas were recognized for outstanding service.

**I. MHA Summer Trustee Conference**

Teresa Kittridge and George Rounds provided an overview of highlights from the event.

**J. Monitoring CEO Performance**

- Ends Focus of Contracts (Internal)  
Aaron Saude presented his monitoring report.

The Bigfork Valley Community Foundation annual fundraiser will be held at the Wilderness Barn on Sunday, September 11. A portion of the event proceeds will benefit the Bigfork Valley Hospital.

At 11:29 a.m., a **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry Salmela, seconded by Greg Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Renee Tower, Executive Administrative Assistant.

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