



~Approved 12/6/2022~

**Regular Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 1, 2022**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Board Room & Microsoft Teams Conference Call**

**Board Members Present:**

Greg Cook – Koochiching County Unorganized  
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  
Tom LaMont – City of Effie  
Dean Sedgwick – Wirt Township  
Heidi Watson – Koochiching County At-Large

**Board Members Absent:**

Teresa Kittridge – Marcell Township  
Marie Lovdahl – Itasca County Unorganized  
Joanie Olson – City of Bigfork

**Others:** Darla Anderson, Dr. Ed Anderson, Sam Caron, Alex Cleath, Katie Gilbertson, Dan Heinecke, Dawn Kern, Aaron Saude, 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**

None.

**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 10/4/2022**

A **motion** to approve the October 4, 2022, Regular Board meeting minutes, as presented, was made by Dan Sursely, seconded by Meredith Morneau. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**A. Finance Committee Report**

The Finance Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, October 25.

Darla Anderson presented the financials and accounts payable for September 2022.

The Medicare accelerated funds have been paid back.

**B. Financials**

A **motion** to accept the financial report for the month of September was provided by the Finance Committee, seconded by Gordon Rahier. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Accounts Payable**

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

Darla found another fraudulent check; the bank refunded the money.

**D. 2023 Preliminary Budget**

Dan Heinecke provided an overview of the draft preliminary budget.

**E. Governance Committee Report**

The Governance Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, October 25.

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The committee reviewed the Medical Staff Bylaws, Ends Policy, Executive Limitations, and the Travel Expenses Policy.

- **Ends Policy**

A **motion** to remove the word “own” from 1.1.C, and to remove the words “their own” from 1.2.B was made by the Governance Committee, seconded by Larry Salmela. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Executive Limitations Policy**

A **motion** to amend the Executive Limitations policy to reflect the Ends policy revisions was made by the Governance Committee, seconded by Gordon Rahier. The motion passed unanimously.

**F. Credentialing**

Dr. Ed Anderson presented the following credentialing application for consideration:

Privileges without a provisional status:

- Thomas DiNardo, MD (Locum)

A **motion** to accept the application as presented was made by Greg Cook, seconded by Dan Sursely. The motion passed unanimously.

**G. CEO Report**

Aaron Saude reported that Bigfork Valley hosted the LeadingAge District B meeting on October 6. Aaron was appointed to serve as the District B chair for the next two years. Aaron attended the SISU board meeting on October 14 and there was discussion about a potential sale/merger with another organization. Aaron met with Grand Itasca’s CEO about helicopter services. A representative from CliftonLarsonAllen talked about the Rural Emergency Hospital model at the MHA Small Rural Committee meeting on October 19, the model doesn’t look beneficial for Bigfork Valley at this time. The new director of nursing, Sara Brust, started on October 27. Staff participated in career day at the school on October 27. The HHS audit for the COVID funding was cleared and complete.

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Bigfork Valley received a grant in the amount of \$102,400 from The Leona M. & Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust for two ultrasound units designated for acute care/emergency and surgery. No match is required.

A Special Board Meeting is scheduled for November 15 to canvass the election results.

#### **H. Education**

AHA's Data Brief: Financial Challenges for Hospitals Persist Through 2022 was provided for education.

#### **I. Employee Appreciation**

Mark Wass, Josh Kinn, Dan Heinecke, Justin Koppelman and Patty Rich were nominated to receive employee appreciation gift certificates for outstanding job performance. A **motion** to approve the nominations was made by Meredith Morneau, seconded by Greg Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **J. Monitoring CEO Performance**

Aaron presented his monitoring report on The Ends policy.

- Those Under Direct Care (Internal)
- Families of Those Under Direct Care (Internal)
- Hospital District Community Residents (Internal)

#### **K. Meeting Location**

Aaron reported that he looked into the Marcell Family Center and the Bigfork City Hall as possible offsite options.

*Heidi Watson exited the meeting at 10:52 a.m.*

At 10:58 a.m., a **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry Salmela. The motion was not seconded; motion failed.

*Tom LaMont exited the meeting at 11:04 a.m.*

After discussion, a **motion** to meet offsite was made by Clinton Cook, seconded by Dean Sedgwick. The motion failed with Meredith Morneau, Larry Salmela, and George Rounds voting against, and Clint

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Cook, Greg Cook and Dean Sedgwick voting in favor. Dan Sursely and Gordon Rahier abstained from voting.

At 11:06 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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