



~Approved 4/4/2023~

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Board Room & Microsoft Teams Conference Call

Board Members Present:

Greg Cook – Koochiching County Unorganized

Gary Erickson – City of Bigfork

Carol Gilbertson – Itasca County At-Large

Tom LaMont – City of Effie

Gordon Rahier – Pomroy Township

George Rounds – Stokes Township

Larry Salmela – Carpenter Township

Dan Sursely – City of Big Falls

Board Members Remote:

Teresa Kittridge – Marcell Township

Marie Lovdahl – Itasca County Unorganized

Dean Sedgwick – Wirt Township

Heidi Watson – Koochiching County At-Large

Board Members Absent:

Clint Cook – Bigfork Township

Others: Darla Anderson, Sam Caron, Alex Cleath, Dan Heinecke, Heidi Powell, Aaron Saude, Londa Storlie

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 as presented was made by Marie Lovdahl, seconded by Carol Gilbertson. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes 2/7/2023

A **motion** to approve the February 7, 2023, Regular Board meeting minutes was made by Gary Erickson, seconded by Dan Sursely. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Information, Discussion and/or Action

A. Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, February 28.

Darla Anderson presented the financials and accounts payable for January 2023.

B. Financials

A **motion** to accept the financial report for the month of January was provided by the Finance Committee, seconded by Greg Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Accounts Payable

A **motion** to ratify the accounts payable for the month of January was made by the Finance Committee, seconded by Carol Gilbertson. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Legislative Education Committee Report

Teresa Kittridge provided an overview of what happened at the Legislative Education Committee meeting that was held on Thursday, March 2.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 28.

Larry Salmela sent an email on behalf of Bigfork Valley to Senator Grant Hauschild and Representative Roger Skraba asking them to oppose the proposed “Keeping Nurses at the Bedside Act”.

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E. CEO Report

Aaron reported that representatives from Tina Smith's office attended the Wilderness Health Board meeting on February 21, during which concerns about workforce and other challenges were shared. Baird will provide an overview of Bigfork Valley's investments at the Board meeting on May 2. Aaron attended the LeadingAge Institute & Expo February 8-10. Sara Brust, acute care DON, resigned. The retail pharmacy implemented a new software system this month. Long term care had its first COVID outbreak.

Darla and Aaron met with Scott Patrow and the director from Itasca Area School Collaborative (IASC) yesterday about career pathways for high school students in Itasca County. Scott Patrow will provide information about the program and request funding at the April Board meeting.

F. Education

An article about the Fairview and Sanford merger was provided for education.

G. Employee Appreciation

Nelly Becker was nominated to receive an employee appreciation gift certificate for outstanding job performance. A **motion** to approve the nomination was made by Greg Cook, seconded by Gary Erickson. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Monitoring CEO Performance

- Emergency CEO Succession (Internal)

Aaron presented his monitoring report.

At 10:36 a.m., a **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Sursely, seconded by Greg Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Renee Tower, Executive Administrative Assistant.

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