



~Approved 6/6/2023~

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Board Room & Microsoft Teams Conference Call

Board Members Present:

Clint Cook – Bigfork Township
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:

Others: Darla Anderson, Dr. Ed Anderson, Kyle Buckingham, Sam Caron, Alex Cleath, Gretchen Gerth, Katie Gilbertson, Dan Heinecke, Dawn Kern, Brandon Navara, Dan Phillips, Heidi Powell, Aaron Saude, Sally Sedgwick, Renee Tower

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

The meeting opened with prayer.

I. Community Comments

None.

II. Approval of Agenda

After discussion, the agenda was approved as presented with twelve in favor, one opposed - Gary Erickson.

III. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes 4/4/2023

The April 4, 2023, Regular Board meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Information, Discussion and/or Action

A. Baird Investments

Brandon Navara and Dan Phillips, investment advisors from Baird, provided an overview of Bigfork Valley's investment portfolio and answered questions. Packets with informational reports were distributed.

B. Finance Committee Report

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

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

C. Financials

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

D. Accounts Payable

A **motion** to ratify the accounts payable for the month of March was made by the Finance Committee, seconded by Dan Sursley. The motion passed unanimously.

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E. Legislative Education Committee Report

Teresa Kittridge provided a summary of the Legislative Education Committee meeting that was held on Tuesday, April 25.

Committee members will be contacting State Representatives from our district to invite them to the facility.

F. Governance Committee Report

George Rounds provided a summary of the Governance Committee meeting that was held on Tuesday, April 25.

The Governance Committee reviewed and approved the following policies with no changes:

- Board-CEO Linkage Policy
- Medical Staff Linkage Policy
- Medical Staff Limitations Policy

The Governance Committee brought forward a **motion** to approve the Board Governance Processes Policy as amended, seconded by Tom LaMont.

Gary Erickson made a **motion** to discuss the individual changes separately. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Carol Gilbertson made a **motion** to amend the originally amended policy to state “Formal Strategic Planning will be performed on a 3 to 5-year cycle and as needed. The Mission, Vision, and Values Statement will be reviewed on a 10-year cycle”, seconded by Greg Cook. The motion passed with twelve in favor, one opposed - Gary Erickson.

There was consensus to add “Strategic Discussion”, with a SWOT analysis approach, to the end of board meeting agendas.

G. CEO Report

Aaron reported that he presented on the strategic action plan at the February board meeting. Bigfork Valley was not selected to receive the Capital Improvement Grant this year. The Sisu sale was completed on Friday, April 7. Tamara Loney from IEDC will make a presentation at the June meeting. Aaron met with Commissioner Terry Snyder

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regarding the news that Ecumen is no longer going to be managing Grand Village. Bigfork Valley changed masking protocol on Monday, April 24, from mandatory to voluntary masking.

The Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation statement of activity for January 1 through March 31, 2023, was included in the board packet.

H. Education

The American Hospital Association's "2023 Rural Advocacy Agenda" was provided for education.

Aaron will update the Board on the Blandin Foundation's new funding criteria at the June Board meeting.

Dan Sursely exited the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

I. Employee Appreciation

Alan Dettmer and Thor Johnson were nominated to receive employee appreciation gift certificates for outstanding job performance. A **motion** to approve the nominations was made by Greg Cook, seconded by Larry Salmela. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Monitoring CEO Performance – Compensation and Benefits (Internal)

Aaron presented his monitoring report on compensation and benefits.

K. Board Meeting Agenda Topics for Next Month

Gary Erickson recommended adding language to the Board Governance Processes Policy to clarify how a board member can get a topic on the agenda.

A **motion** to reschedule the July 4th Regular Board meeting for July 11th was made by Clinton Cook, seconded by Tom LaMont. The motion passed unanimously.

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At 11:44 a.m., a **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Greg Cook, seconded by Gary Erickson. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Renee Tower, Executive Administrative Assistant.

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