



~Approved 9/5/2023~

Special Board Meeting

Monday, August 14, 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:

Clint Cook – Bigfork Township

Teresa Kittridge – Marcell Township

Marie Lovdahl – Itasca County Unorganized

Heidi Watson – Koochiching County At-Large

Board Members Absent: None

Others: 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.

The mission of Bigfork Valley is to provide a continuum of quality health care and community services rooted in excellence and delivered with skill and compassion.

As permitted by Minnesota State Statute 13D.05, subdivision 3, and 144.581, subdivision 5, a **motion** to close the meeting to the public to evaluate the performance of CEO Aaron Saude and to discuss potential business relationships was made by Larry Salmela, seconded by Greg Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Potential Business Relationships

Closed session attendees: Clinton Cook, Greg Cook, Gary Erickson, Carol Gilbertson, Teresa Kittridge, Tom LaMont, Marie Lovdahl, Gordon Rahier, George Rounds, Larry Salmela, Dan Sursely, Heidi Watson, Aaron Saude, Renee Tower

II. Evaluate CEO Performance

Closed session attendees: Clinton Cook, Greg Cook, Gary Erickson, Carol Gilbertson, Teresa Kittridge, Tom LaMont, Marie Lovdahl, Gordon Rahier, George Rounds, Larry Salmela, Dan Sursely, Heidi Watson

At 11:33 a.m., a **motion** to reopen the meeting was made by Tom LaMont, seconded by Greg Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

George Rounds provided a summary of the closed sessions. The board discussed potential business relationships and CEO Aaron Saude's performance.

At 11:34 a.m., a **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Greg Cook, seconded by Carol Gilbertson. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Renee Tower, Executive Administrative Assistant.

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