



~Approved 10/3/2023~

**Special Board Meeting**

**Monday, September 11, 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  
Teresa Kittridge – Marcell Township  
Tom LaMont – City of Effie  
Gordon Rahier – Pomroy Township  
Larry Salmela – Carpenter Township  
Dan Sursely – City of Big Falls  
Heidi Watson – Koochiching County At-Large

**Board Members Remote:**

Marie Lovdahl – Itasca County Unorganized

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Others:** Aaron Saude, Renee Tower

*Vice Chair Heidi Watson called the regular monthly board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.*

*A moment of silence was held for those lost on 9/11.*

*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, a **motion** to close the meeting to the public to evaluate the performance of CEO Aaron Saude was made by Larry Salmela, seconded by Carol Gilbertson. The motion passed unanimously.

**I. Evaluate CEO**

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, and Renee Tower

A **motion** to reopen the meeting by Larry Salmela, seconded by Gordon Rahier. The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Salmela provided a summary of the closed session. The board discussed its relationship with its employee, Aaron Saude.

At 12:05 p.m., a **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Carol Gilbertson, seconded by Tom LaMont. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Renee Tower, Executive Administrative Assistant.

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