

Niobrara County Hospital District Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2018 5:30 pm

The Niobrara County Hospital District Board of Trustees met in the Board room at NCH in Lusk, Wyoming. In attendance were Mr. Mark Groh, President; Mr. Travis Krein, Vice Chairman; Ms. Randi Ross, Secretary; Ms. Shelly Larson, Treasurer; and Mr. J.V. Boldon, member.

Also attending were Karl Rude, HMS; Nathan Hough, CEO; Bonnie LeSueur, CFO, and Dee Martin.

****Mr. Groh called the Public Session to order at 5:30 p.m.**

A quorum was verified.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Discussion: Adding to the agenda

Old Business: Adding a second meeting in the month and the 6 mill levy.

New Business: Christmas Party.

****Ms. Larson moved to accept the agenda with modifications.**

****Mr. Krein seconded the motion.**

Motion carried 4-0.

Acceptance of the Minutes

Discussion: Adding Work Session for October 8, 2018

****Ms. Ross moved to accept the September minutes and the work session.**

**** Mr. Boldon seconded the motion.**

Motion carried: 4-0.

Public Comment: None

Finances

Bonnie LeSueur presented the financials. She discussed the Balance Sheet. Self-Pay needs to be looked at for different programs that could help to collect. Nick is looking at revising the payment plan and charity care policies. Bonnie went over the claims processes. The process is looking better. Coding is getting done in a timely matter and Nick is doing well with getting these processes together. She also went over the income statement. Contractual adjustments are starting to level out. The employees were given a health statement for a new health insurance and Bonnie will send out bids and find the best policies by the 1st of the year.

Operations

Nathan went over the visits for the month. Managers are doing employee evaluations. The employees did a survey for HMS on the transition and they received a very high B. All departments' wages were looked at for discrepancies. A communications survey will be going out to the employees. Child care for the staff was discussed as well as possibly adding procedures to the facility. Kody and Nathan are working on different services.

Administrative

Karl will discuss what he has in executive session.

Old Business

A discussion of having a second meeting in the month was discussed. The Board decided to table it. Nathan asked the board how they want to handle the 1% tax when they are putting together a project. The Board responded that they would like to be kept informed and to keep a log of everything. The renewal of the additional 3 mill levy is looking good to pass.

New Business

An ECF daily charge to increase was discussed and to leave it at it is. The Board decided on the 1st of the year to remove the discount. Linda Noe extended an invitation to the Board to come to the Christmas Party.

Board went into executive session at 6:52pm

**** Mr. Boldon moved to go to executive session**

**** Ms. Larson seconded the motion.**

Motion carried 4-0

Public session reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.