Niobrara County Hospital District Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2026

The Niobrara County Hospital District Board of Trustees met in the training room at Niobrara Community Hospital in Lusk, Wyoming. In attendance were Mr. Travis Krein, Chairman, Ms. Connie Volk, Vice Chairman, Ms. Randi Ross, Secretary, Mr. Dan H. Hanson, Treasurer and Mr. Ryan Meng, member. Also in attendance was Dana Gilleland, CHMS CEO. Attending from NCH were Linda Noe, Doug Schlangen, Michael Brown, and Heather Staudenmaier.

Mr. Krein called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

A quorum was verified.

Public Comments – community members commented on the great facility, mainly the ECF; the cleanliness and good staff. A community member was not happy with an ER provider.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Volk moved to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.

Items in the consent agenda were the minutes of the May 26, 2026 meeting, NCHD hospital stats, Accounts Receivable and KPI file and Departmental and Committee reports.

Financials –

Final financial statements for April were presented. Patient revenue, less adjustments, on April 30 was $641,479.91; other operating revenue was $100,570.02; non-operating revenue was $124,732.32 for total revenue of $866,782.25. Operating expenses for April were $906,793.16; non-operating expenses were $2,437.24 which resulted in net income of $(42,448,15).

Patient revenue, less adjustments, on May 31 was $728,570.02; other operating revenue was $88,143.07; non-operating revenue was $284,028.97 for total revenue of $1,100,742.06, Operating expenses for May were $1,005,821.48; non-operating expenses were $2,437.24 which resulted in net income of $92,483.34.

Financial statements were reviewed in detail by the finance committee prior to the meeting and will be filed for audit.

Old Business

North Building Damage – NCHD is in the Wyoming Association of Risk Management (WARM) pool; we were advised to get a quote and take care of it ourselves; there will be no adjustor.

Roof Update – all issues have been turned over to legal counsel

Mill Levy – while we are doing well, we need to continue to educate the public; there are no backfill dollars for the shortfall due to the tax exemptions. Healthcare is an unstable business and things can change quickly; we need the mill levy money going forward.

Specialty Providers – looking for space to renovate; possibly the old surgical area; they cannot be housed in the rural health clinic; the contracts are out for onboarding the providers.

New Hospital Signs – we are still waiting for them; we will also redo the billboards.

FY27 Capital Construction – Dana and Ms. Ross will meet to discuss.

Landscaping Update – the contractor will start moving equipment onsite on 6/24/26; the bond has been approved.

X-Ray – the state denied the project; the Unistrut which supports the machine was not included in the original submission. The Unistrut needs to support 1000 lbs and we can currently only support 500 lbs. We will need a quote for this upgrade and will need to resubmit the project to the state.

Top 100 Recognition – we will have an employee appreciation picnic on July 28 at 5:00 with all staff and the Board. The Board meeting will be moved back to 6:30.

New Business

Mental Health Policy Approval – this has been tabled for now

RHTF Discussion – Dana shared information from her meeting with HHS Secretary Kennedy in Washington, DC. WY legislation has been written to exclude nine hospitals in the state from being able to apply for the Rural Health Transformation funding. NCH is one of those hospitals.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Next meeting is July 28 at **6:30** p.m.

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Travis Krein, Chairman Randi Ross, Secretary