

**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AUGUST 26, 2021, • 12:00 PM**

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**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Anita Parkin, District Director (Via Zoom)  
John Woodland, District Director, Chair  
Carol Billadeau, District Director, Secretary/Treasurer  
Sue Hazlett, Corporate Director  
Bessie Spangler, Corporate Director  
Leona Crichton, Corporate Director  
Mary Jo Lommen, Corporate Director  
Ken Vandehey, District Director  
Peggy Temple, Corporate Director, Vice Chair  
Laurie Johnston, Ex Officio Officer (Via Zoom-a little late)

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Laurel Chambers Haskins, CEO  
Stacy Conrow-Ververis, CFO/Director of Human Resources  
Erin Woodson, Director of Administrative Services  
Katie Mahe, Garlington, Lohn & Robinson (Via Zoom)  
Kristi Peele, DON

**PUBLIC PRESENT**

Ken Westman, CEO Barrett Hospital (Via Zoom)  
Julie Gemar-Williams, Yellowstone (Via Zoom)  
Denise McCord, Yellowstone (Via Zoom)  
Kelly Casey, Yellowstone (Via Zoom)  
Pat Metzger (Via Zoom)  
Jessica Schaak

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**Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum**

This meeting was called to order on Thursday August 26, at 12:04 PM by John Woodland, Board Chair. A quorum was established and district quorum as well.

**Public Comment**

**Pat Metzger asked if Steve McNeese was still under contract with the hospital.**

Laurel and Stacy answered yes, he was. Katie clarified that the contract is with CAH Consulting Group not with an individual person. John said we discussed this at the last board meeting, and we are not going to discuss this again, Carol also stated we have already talked about this. Ken also commented that contract is between two

entities and not up for public discussion. John also stated that the board delegated the CEO to make decisions for the hospital and they trust in her decisions.

**Pat also asked if the rumors are true that the nursing home is closing.**

Laurel and Stacy said they are not sure where those rumors are coming from but no, we are not closing our Long Term Care. John also makes clear that MCH does not have a nursing home. We have Long Term Care beds for residents that are part of our 25 beds that can be used for skilled, non-skilled and acute.

**Approval of Minutes**

Carol made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2021, board meeting. - Ken seconded the motion; motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

Executive Committee

- John reviewed the executive committee meeting.
  - Ginny Tribe was postponed due to COVID

Professional Affairs Committee

- The following providers were brought before the Professional Affairs Committee prior to this meeting and their privileging requests were all approved for two-year terms:
  - None

**New Business**

- Yellowstone Insurance Exchange
  - MCH was presented with the Jeff Martin Award for Excellence
  - Kelly Casey presented a power point about Yellowstone Insurance Exchange and their relationship with MCH; 2021 update.
- COVID/COVID Vaccine Update
  - Laurel reported Mineral County is the hottest spot in the state right now. Vaccination numbers are up again. Booster shots to be available in the end of September. We are working with the health department to do a drive thru clinic to get boosters out to everyone. Pfizer was FDA approved. Hospital bed shortages are high. Staff shortages are also high. You can go to MT.GOV for more COVID information.
  - Ginny Tribe was postponed until further notice due to COVID
- Equipment Disposal
  - Ken asked what the equipment disposal list is and what do we do with it. Laurel and Stacy explained it was equipment that was outdate, no longer usable or worn out, and that we have replaced the equipment, or it is no longer needed.

Leona made a motion to approve the disposal list, Bessie seconded the motion; all in favor; motions carried.

## Accountability Report

- Presented by Laurel and Stacy
- Board Succession
  - Resignation-John Woodland read his letter of resignation from the board. Laurel and Stacy presented John a plaque thanking him for all his support and years of service on the board.
  - Appointment of Public Hospital District Trustee and Board Member- Carol made a motion to appoint, nominated Peggy fills the Public Hospital District Trustee vacancy left by to move into John's position as an Elected Director and Ken made a motion to appoint nominated Bessie. The remaining Public Hospital District Trustees held a vote by secret ballot. Bessie was appointed by the remaining Public Hospital District Trustees as Public Hospital District Trustee. A secret vote was taken to elect the director to fill John's term. Bessie had the majority vote. Bessie will hold the position as an elected director/Public Hospital Trustee until the next election in May 2022.
  - ~~Jessica Schaak was nominated to take Bessie's position as a Corporate Director.~~

Leona moved to appoint made a motion to select Jessica Schaak to fill the vacant as the new Corporate Director board member position left vacant by Peggy. Ken seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Leona moved to approve the appointment of Bessie as Public Hospital District Trustee and Jessica as Corporate Director ~~and Bessie as an Elected Director~~, Ken seconded the ~~nomination motion~~; entire Board present voted; all in favor; motion carried unanimously.

- Election of Officers-Peggy was nominated to become the Board Chair.

Bessie moved to appoint made a motion for Peggy to become as the Board Chair, Mary Jo seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried. Peggy now will finish the meeting as Board Chair.

- Carol nominated Bessie to be the Vice Chair

Leona moved to appoint made a motion for Bessie to become as the Vice Chair of the board, Ken seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried.

## Unfinished Business

- **CEO Evaluation**-discussion was made to increase Laurel's salary back dated to January 1, 2021. This will be noticed on the September agenda, to be discussed and voted on.

## Current Events

- Carol announced Shakespeare in the Park Thursday night

## Next Board Meeting Date

➤ Thursday, September 30, 2021

### **Executive Session**

- Legal and Personnel Matters--None

### **For the Good of the Order**

- Everyone thanked John for all his hard work, and he will be missed.

### **Adjournment**

Leona made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ken seconded the motion; motion carried. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 1:30 pm.