

**MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
NORTH FORK AMBULANCE HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT**

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Fork Ambulance Health Service District located in the Counties of Delta, Montrose and Gunnison, Colorado, was held at 110 E. Hotchkiss Ave, Hotchkiss, Colorado, on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: No additions to the agenda

ROLL CALL: Board members present - Dan Miller, Marcus Roeder, Bonnie Eisenberg, Gregg Angelovich and Larry Hughes.

Others present include: Diane Perry and Steve Simpson. Kathy Steckel and Dr. Pruett attended via ZOOM.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE: No conflict of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the January 13, 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting were reviewed. Marcus Roeder made a motion that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded. All present were in favor.

REPORTS:

FINANCE REPORT: Financials for January were presented and reviewed. Marcus Roeder made a motion that the financials for January be approved as presented. The motion was seconded. All present were in favor.

APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS: Bonnie Eisenberg made a motion to approve the appropriations for January as presented. The motion was seconded. All present were in favor.

DISTRICT CHIEF REPORT: Kathy Steckel presented an overview of her report (see attached).

Kathy introduced Dr. Pruett as a potential board member. Dr. Pruett gave a brief overview of his experience and qualifications.

Kathy asked if there were any questions about her report, since she was attending via ZOOM and thought it would be easier to answer questions than re-iterate her report.

Marcus asked about the progress of the Compensation Plan, he feels it needs to be in place in order to pay people and would like to see it finished quickly.

Bonnie asked about the sign on the front door announcing that we were no longer doing CoVid testing at this location and why we stopped. The numbers have been down considerably, we only tested 11 people yesterday, and the health department thought that it would no longer be necessary for us to test at this location.

Steve gave a brief update on repairs to the Crawford and Paonia stations. The on-demand water heater still needs to be installed at the Crawford station. Rick Stelter has recovered from his injury at the end of last year and will be starting on the Paonia remodel shortly. He will be supervising and designing the work to be done. Steve needs to get permission from the Town of Paonia to modify the building, since they technically own it, and will be getting the building permit.

Dan asked about the electrical service in Crawford to make sure it was enough to handle the on-demand water heater. Steve assure him that it was more than ample. He also wanted to know if we should re-evaluate fixing the building or should we consider replacing it. Steve thought that the building was basically sound and the repairs it needed were minor enough that we should repair the building rather than replace it, especially given the price tag for the recent garage construction.

Dan also wanted to know if we had a back-up generator in Crawford. Not at this time. He thinks that back-up generators for both Paonia and Crawford should be on the list of improvements in the near future.

Gregg would like to see the Paonia remodel done as soon as possible. He had wanted to see it done by the end of the first quarter. That isn't going to happen since it is already the middle of February, so would like to see it finished by June at the latest.

Dan asked about the radio tower in Crawford. Steve has been getting conflicting information from the different agencies. At the moment it seems all progress is on hold until sometime in March when there will be access to the site again.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS:

Draft update of the Mission Statement: Dan would like to see the date of change as part of the document.

Bonnie Eisenberg made a motion to adopt the updated version of the Mission Statement as presented. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

Kathy made some comments about the run totals for last year. We were up 25% in the total number of calls and up 15% in the total number of transports. This trend seems to be continuing this year as January calls were up over last year.

Marcus read a notice to not seek re-election. Kathy says that this is quite a surprise and does not have anyone to replace him at the moment.

Gregg explains some of his thoughts on why he chose not to seek re-election. At the start the board seemed to need his financial expertise, but we seemed to have outgrown that and now it seems that someone with health service background would be more suitable.

Dan complemented both Gregg and Marcus on their input and skills.

Bonnie thinks that Gregg's organizational management expertise has been invaluable and will continue to be. She would hate to see both Gregg and Marcus to go at the same time. They both have their eyes on the numbers.

Marcus says that he is flexible and had planned to stay until January, not realizing that the election was in May. He and Kathy will talk on Monday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Meeting is Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 11 am.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further matters before the board, Dan Miller made a motion to adjourn. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 11:41 am.