



MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN NYE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

101 Radar Road, Tonopah, NV 89049

August 16, 2018

6:00 PM

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Chairman Eason opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Ken Eason
Vice-Chair Cathie Clifford
Secretary Treasurer Justin Zimmerman
Trustee Roni Link

Let the record show that Trustee Greber was absent from this meeting.

Item #1, Pledge of Allegiance.

Led by Trustee Link.

Item #2, Approval of the Agenda for August 16, 2018 (Non-action Item)

Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman recommended removing item 5. Vice Chair Clifford motioned to approve with Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman's recommendation. Trustee Link offered her second and the motion passed 4-0.

Item #3, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item (first).

None.

Item #4, Announcements (first)

None.

Item #5, For Possible Action – Emergency Items

Removed from agenda.

Item #6, Trustees'/Liaison Comments (This item limited to topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas)

Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman suggested placing an item on the September agenda to develop a list of services the Board would like to see offered at the medical campus to prepare for the USDA Grant.

Vice Chair Clifford asked if the Board should schedule a workshop.

Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman said that that was an option, it could be done at a meeting, but if the Board wanted a workshop, that would be fine, although no action can be taken at a workshop.

Chairman Eason stated that he was going to take a meeting with Renown in the coming week regarding their desire to bring several stakeholders into this conversation. He said that he would circle back to the idea of a workshop after that meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Item #7, No Action – 1) Presentation by Renown Health and Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority of their June 2018 reconciliation packages; and 2) update on the progress made regarding the implementation of services pursuant to the professional services agreements entered into on December 20th, 2017.

Jessica Thompson provided an update for Renown. She stated that she had expected representatives from Renown to be present and was caught off guard by their absence. She stated that the occupational health patient count is up, while regular clinic numbers are slightly down as one of their providers had taken some vacation time. She called for questions from the Board and there were none.

Louis Mendiola provided an update on behalf of REMSA and CareFlight. He reported an increase in Community Paramedic responses, and a slight decrease in hospital transports, and a decrease in the number of calls received by the Nurse Health Line. He also announced that CareFlight would be stationing a helicopter in town for the off-road race coming through the area the following weekend.

Chairman Eason called for questions from the Board and/or the audience and there were none.

Item #8, For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation toward the selection of a winner of the logo contest.

Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman moved to accept the subcommittee's recommendation of Aimee Thompson's design as the winner, Trustee Link offered her second, and the motion passed 4-0. The winner was present, and was presented with her award, and posed for a photo with the Board.

Item #9, No Action – Update on Nye County Emergency Services integration with Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority.

Assistant County Manager Dellinger stated that a major obstacle was the billing. She stated that all parties had come together under that department's new management and the issues had been worked out.

Louis Mendiola on behalf of REMSA stated that there are opportunities to enhance the care that they are providing with expanded scope of practices for the patients, and along that line they have acquired additional equipment and important medications that will improve their life saving capacity.

Item #10, No Action – Update on development plans for a medical center in Tonopah.

Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman stated that he had added this item to the agenda to discuss the USDA Community Facilities and Technical Assistance and Training grant that was being pursued by the District. He said that he had informed the Board of this grant back in June, but that it seemed that there were some

members that had missed that update. He went on to explain that Nye County, the Northern Nye County Hospital District, BEC Environmental, and NyE Communities Coalition had all partnered together to apply for this grant. He stated that this grant would be used to develop a plan forward for the medical campus.

Chairman Eason asked if there was a specific dollar amount for this grant.

Assistant County Manager Dellinger stated that she believed it was \$150,000 that was applied for. However, we won't know what we really have to work with until the grant has been awarded.

Item #11, No Action – Discussion regarding Renown Health and Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority Implementation Plan.

Chairman Eason stated that he thought that Renown had intended to be present for this item, but that they didn't have time to get their information together for this meeting. He mentioned the meeting he had scheduled with them the following week, and said that he thought this item would return to the next agenda, where they would be present to discuss.

Item #12, For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation toward recruiting an administrative assistant and outlining their duties.

Chairman Eason stated that he and Trustee Greber were working on this together. He asked for Board members input.

Vice-Chair Clifford said that she didn't think there was budget available for an assistant. She stated that to have Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman be able to participate in a meeting and not run the audio video system, we could simply move the meeting back into the day during which there is County staff available to run the system and take the minutes. She expressed that this was the cost-effective step to take, and aside from those duties she wasn't sure what other work there would be for this person to do.

Chairman Eason stated that the work that Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman is doing, part time and when he has time is asking a lot of a person, and alternatives need to be sought. He expressed that when the Board was first seated, some of this work was going to be completed by the Board's liaison, but that work was quickly turned over to Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman. He referenced the previous arrangement that the Board had with Larry Trillops, and the money that was involved then; stating that if we were able to commit funds then we should be able to now.

Vice-Chair Clifford asked if Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman wanted to be relieved of these duties.

Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman stated that in his opinion, the meeting minutes, and posting agendas was the entire scope of work this position called for. He stated that the Board could hire someone for less than \$100.00 per meeting to accomplish these tasks, or the meetings could be moved back into the business day and then there would be County staff available at no cost to handle these tasks under the Board's existing MOU with Nye County. He didn't see the need to hire an employee for \$50,000.00 a year when these alternatives were available.

Chairman Eason said that he thought the board needed someone available every day to research and address various situations that come up when Board members are not immediately available.

Trustee Link stated that she has thought for a long time it would be a good idea to have someone that can be the face of the District. She said she'd like to explore something on a contractual basis or as Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman said, if we are able to pay someone so much per meeting, she thought that was a good idea. She also noted that there wasn't an extraordinary turn out at this meeting, but if there was an important item on the agenda, daytime meetings make it difficult for people to attend.

Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman stated that, as the Board had done previously, if there is a high impact item on an agenda, that meeting can be scheduled for the night. But, for regular meetings like this one, where the District is just handling routine business, they could be held during the day.

Chairman Eason tabled the item as Trustee Greber wasn't in attendance and he thought she'd like to weigh in.

Horace Carlyle offered public comment. He stated that he thought the board was compromised by not having a professional point of contact. He asked if the Board was aware of sequential violation of open meeting law and asked how Board members communicate. He said that the Board can dump everything on Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman and that maybe he can do it because he's smart and willing to get out there and hustle. Of the other Board members, he said that we have a Chairman who is running a business, and a Trustee that is also a volunteer EMT and a Town Board Member, he stated that our members are busy, and we should consider looking into paying for some professional help if only to mitigate our liability and provide a full time point of contact.

Item #13, For Possible Action – Approval of invoices for payment.

Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman took the board through the invoices and made a motion to approve. Vice Chair Clifford offered her second and the motion passed 4-0.

Item #14, No Action – Update on the current status of the fiscal year 2017-2018 budget.

Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman took the Board through his reports.

Chairman Eason called for questions and/or comments. He said that to his eye, he thought the expenditures and revenue were staying on track with what the Comptroller had predicted.

Item #15, For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation of the minutes from the July 19, 2018 meeting.

Vice Chair Clifford motioned to approve the minutes and Trustee Link offered her second. Passed 4-0.

Item #16, No Action – Open meeting law review.

Chairman Eason called for questions/comments from Board members, and there were none.

Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman said that all members were current on the required training.

Item #17, No Action – Update on the status of the United States Trustee contract to secure and distribute the medical records currently housed on the medical campus.

Vice Chair Clifford stated that everything is moving right along. She said there have been maybe 60 requests for records, and that she had been in touch with someone from the Tonopah Indoor Yard Sale Facebook page and they were going to post the announcement again to get the word out.

Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman stated that this item had been made a recurring item during a time before we had a contractor performing the work and asked the Board if they thought that practice should be continued.

Chairman Eason said that we could have an action item on the next agenda to discontinue the recurring item.

Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman said that wasn't necessary, if the Board agreed that the need for the item no longer existed, he would stop including it. It could always be added back in at a later time.

Item #18, For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to set the next meeting location, time and date.

Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman said that September 20th was the next third Thursday and asked if that date worked for the other Board members.

Trustee Link said that this is the date that the Rural Nevada EMS Conference starts in Elko, and she stated that she has tickets and reservations but thought she could forgo the first day.

Trustee Link motioned to have the September meeting on September 20, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Commissioner's Chambers at 101 Radar Road in Tonopah. Secretary Treasurer Zimmerman offered his second and the motion passed 4-0.

Item #19, General Public Comment (second)

Horace Carlyle said he was worried about history and the Board's perception of what it was created to fund. He encouraged the Board to go back to the Town Board Meeting for December 9, 2015 items 5 and 6. He said that particularly item 6 was interesting as it dealt with the bankruptcy and Commissioner Wichman was in attendance at that meeting and refused to answer questions relating to the bankruptcy as the Town was not a party to it. He said that we might find the backup he provided on that item informative. He said right now we have a great Board, we have a great staff at the clinic and we have a great cooperative relationship with the County and we don't want to give any of that away for free. He advised the Board tread carefully and go review the backup from item 6 of the Tonopah Town Board meeting on December 9th, 2015 and form our own opinions.

Trustee Link asked that Arnold Knightly get in touch with her the next time he is in Tonopah.

Item #20, Announcements (second)

None.

Item # 21 ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 15th day of November 2018.



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