



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTHERN NYE COUNTY
HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

101 Radar Road, Tonopah, NV 89049

May 5, 2022

5:00 PM

Trustees and Attending Speakers

**Chairman Don Kaminski
Vice Chair Tim Gamble
Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Maslach
Trustee Patty Browning
Trustee Sam Faga**

**Melissa Godfrey – Public Member
Dr. Russell Pillers, Biowerx
John Dao – Wipfli
Brett Mitchell – SixCo
William Stark – Public Member
Bruce Jabbour – Nye Commissioner
Viola Whipperman – Public Member
Dr. Valeria Romero - NDF**

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge Recited.

2. 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).

Mrs. Godfrey notified the board that she received a bill from Central Nevada Regional Care (CNRC) that has a mail date of April 11, for a total of \$5.60 from an appointment, April of 2021. The phone number on the bill goes straight to voicemail, but the mailbox is full. Mrs. Godfrey states that she cannot contact them to pay her bill and is concerned she will be sent to collections.

Mrs. Godfrey also states that there are not minutes available online for the Hospital District.

3. Approval of the Agenda for May 5, 2022.

Board will have an emergency item at the request of WipFli.

4. Announcements (first)

Chairman Kaminski read aloud emails between himself, Dr. Van Le of Premier Medical Center, and Mr. Tom Vallas, the Board Attorney.

Email from Chairman Kaminski

4/4/2022

“Morning Van, please read the attached agreement and sign/send back to me if you are in agreement. I would like to conduct an inventory at the end of the month to ensure your group has all of their equipment and that the Hospital District has all of its equipment.”

Response from Dr. Van Le

“Don, as we agreed to terminate the signed agreement in March 2020, on the advice of my attorney, there are a couple of things that needed to be addressed prior to me signing. First, there needs to be an accounting of past agreements to make premier hole. I am in the process of doing a full accounting of non-payments from those patients that couldn't afford paying their bills, co pays and deductibles. Also, any outstanding reimbursements not invoiced yet. Lastly, I need time to cancel insurance contracts and make announcements to patients so that there is no patients that are feel abandoned. So, the earliest is by June 1, 2022. If we can wrap up an agreement sooner, I will be out sooner. What do you think? I have took a significant loss with this project. So, it is best I need to recoup some of the losses. Also, I know that you need me out ASAP to get your hospital project going. I don't want to be in the board's way of helping the town. I wish that recruitment for providers were better unfortunately, because of the pandemic. We are still struggling. I wish the town and the board the best.”

(Above correspondence was sent to Tom Vallas, the Board attorney)

Response from Mr. Vallas

4/29/2022

“Don, sorry for the delay in responding. I don't know what he possibly could be seeking, so a review of his final accounting should be prepared and presented to the district prior to any further discussion. I don't see a reason to change the proposed agreement we provided which held each party blameless. Let me know how you want to proceed”

Chairman Don Kaminski recommends that if by the end of the meeting the Board doesn't hear from Dr. Le, he would like to have an agenda item for the May 19th meeting to allow the board to vote on moving forward with filing charges against CNRC for breach of contract.

5. For Possible Action – Emergency Items

Wipfli submitted an invoice for \$15,000.00.

Trustee Browning motions to pay invoice.

Secretary/Treasurer Maslach second's motion.

Motion passes; 4-0

6. Trustees'/Liaison Comments (This item limited topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas)

No comments.

7. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation of the minutes from the [March 17, 2022](#) regular meeting.

Typo; 2 Billion dollars needs to read “2 million dollars”

Trustee Browning motions to approve minutes with the typo revised.

Secretary/Treasurer Maslach second's motion.

Motion passes; 4-0

8. [For Possible Action](#) – Discussion and deliberation regarding a request to: Set a date, time, and location for a Public Hearing to formally adopt the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 final budget for the Northern Nye County Hospital District.

Secretary/Treasurer Maslach motions to:

“Set the date and time for the public hearing to adopt the fiscal year 2022-2023 final budget for the Northern Nye County Hospital District. Pursuant to Assembly Bill 19 of the 2015 legislature session as is recommended we will be having that on May 19, 2022 At five o'clock pm right here in the chambers.

Trustee Browning seconds motion.

Motion passes; 4-0

9. [No Action](#) – Presentation by LobbyIt of Washington D.C. of all recent activities performed on behalf of the District in accordance with the Contract for Federal Government Affairs Services as approved by the District on September 17, 2020.

No presentation, no representative.

10. **No Action** - Presentation and monthly report for Biowerx by Dr. Russell Pillers pursuant to the professional services agreement entered into on October 25th, 2018.

Dr. Pillers presented the monthly report for Biowerx. Update topics included;

- Team Coordination
- Wipfli – Examined Financial Forecast
- EAPC Criteria Architect Contract
- Care Model Advisor
- Progressive Design Build Progress
- Dental Opportunity
- Air Force Housing
- US Representative Steven Horsford opportunity
- DCIP next round
- Video meeting tools
- Electronic fund transfer (?)

11. **For presentation only** - Update by Wipfli regarding their progress on efforts in forecasting for the planned new hospital facility.

Mr. Dao gave a WipFli progress update. Update included;

- Current progress
- key phases and WipFli's role
- what to expect
- estimated timeline

12. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and deliberation to accept, amend and accept, or deny a proposal by Biowerx, SixCo Nevada and Wipfli to have the Northern Nye County Hospital District begin the process of securing the services of a ‘Care Model Advisor’.

Dr. Pillers and Mr. Mitchell gave the board information on the role and necessity of a Care Model Advisor and asked that the board motion to move forward to investigate how to fill this position. The team does have a few individuals in-mind to fill this position.

Trustee Browning motions to allow Biowerx and SixCo to work together to investigate and define the position of a Care Model Advisor.

Secretary/Treasurer Maslach second's motion.

Motion passes; 3-0; No response from Vice Chair Gamble.

Public Member Mr. Stark questions the board “When does it stop with all of these consultants? When does Dr. Pillers stop suggesting someone else that the taxpayers have to pay for?” Mr. Stark recommends Dr. Pillers pay for these consultants out of the funds he is currently receiving from the district.

Nye Commissioner Mr. Jabbour spoke to the board and the public to try and clarify that this would not be another consultant but a leader for operations. Mr. Jabbour encouraged

the board to ask themselves questions such as “Can we afford this? And is it affordable?”

Mrs. Whipperman reminded the board of a local facility that was built to fail in Tonopah because it was built for a community of 12,000 people. She advised that the board gain as much information as possible to avoid a similar issue.

13. For Presentation only - Update by the Nevada Dental Foundation on their efforts to begin providing services in the Nye Regional Medical Center Clinic.

Dr. Romero Community clinic coordinator with the Nevada Dental Foundation (NDF) introduced herself and gave the board a brief history of NDF as well as a current update for the Tonopah Dental Project. Update included;

- Staffing plans
- Building progress
- Providers that have committed to time in Tonopah
- Services provided
- Insurance and fees
- Outside funding sources
- Recruitment efforts/plans
- Current needs

14. No Action - Discussion and deliberation regarding the budget status for Northern Nye County Hospital District through March 2022.

Secretary Treasurer Maslach gave a detailed overview of the Budget status report for the district. Including;

Beg. Balance of \$1,792,951

Revenue of \$639,581

Expenditures of \$742,884

Encumbrances of \$889,424

Ending Balance of \$800,224

15. For Possible Action – Approval of invoices for payment.

Trustee Browning motions to pay invoices.

Secretary/Treasurer Maslach second’s motion.

Motion passes; 3-0, No response from Vice Chair Gamble

16. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (second)

Mrs. Whipperman spoke on the Airforce housing and voiced concern about staff housing.

Dr. Romero asked if the Dental group may be able to use the living quarters inside the clinic campus.

Mr. Stark spoke on the recently approve yoga contract and the possibility of other health groups expecting funds from the district. He also mentioned that housing is not the only barrier to people moving to Tonopah, he feels that the community lacks entertainment and the town needs more to be appealing.

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS (second)

Trustee Browning Reminds the board that meeting minutes are not yet available online but are available at the office and can be requested at any time. She also reminds the board that Administrative Secretary was leaving for vacation the very next day.

18. ADJOURN

May 5, 2022 Metting adjourned.

Signed this 16th day of May 2022.

D. Kaminski Jr.

Chair