



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

**101 Radar Road, Tonopah, NV 89049**

**May 19, 2022**

**5:00 PM**

**Speakers In Attendance**

**Chairman Don Kaminski**

**Vice Chair Tim Gamble (Absent)**

**Secretary/Treasurer Nancy**

**Maslach**

**Trustee Sam Faga**

**Trustee Patty Browning**

**Elizabeth Jordan – Nye Co. Finance**

**Bruce Jabbour – Nye Co Commissioner**

**Dr. Russell Pillers – Boiwerx**

**Rebecca Gonzalez – CNRC Finance**

**Horace Carlyle – Public Member**

**Ron Browning – Public Member**

**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).**

No general public comment

**3. Approval of the Agenda for May 19, 2022. (Non-action Item)**

Item 5 Removed

**4. Announcements (first)**

No Announcements

**5. For Possible Action – Emergency Items**

Item removed

**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 [April 7, 2022 Regular Meeting](#).**

Chairman Kaminski identifies a name error on item 17.

Trustee Browning motions to accept minutes with the revisions mentioned by Don.

Trustee Faga Seconds motion.

Motion passes; 4-0

**8. 5:00 P.M.-[For Possible Action](#) –Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 final budget for the Northern Nye County Hospital District; and discussion and deliberation to adopt, or amend and adopt the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.**

Chairman Kaminski Opened the Public Hearing.

Ms. Jordan Presented the Public hearing for the FY22-23 Final Budget. Presentation included approval from Department of Taxation on the tentative budget, Summary of entire budget with a collection estimate of \$838,987. Presentation also included a total of \$2.4 Million dollar expenditure, service population, property tax, changes in Net Proceeds, current and forecasted expenditures, revenue, and contracts.

Trustee Browning motions to accept the budget as presented with the addition of the vendors that we have.

Trustee Faga Seconds Motion.

Public comment from Mr. Jabbour – Question for Dr. Pillers in regard to the an incoming grant. Would like him to send a commitment/award letter to help with future budgeting questions.

Dr. Pillers told the board that an email notification for the award of the \$2 million has been received. But a non-competitive application process must still be completed.

Secretary/Treasurer Maslach second's motion.

Motion passes; 4-0

**9. [No Action](#) - Presentation by Central Nevada Regional Care of their April 2022 reconciliation package and reports pursuant to the professional services agreement entered into on January 17, 2020.**

Ms. Gonzalez of CNRC Finance attended the meeting to answer finance related questions from the board. Ms. Gonzalez stated that she does not have a p&l statement to assist with answering questions and was also new to the company and that is why the board was receiving invoices from Oct to April, as she had to go back and catch the company up. She explained to the board she could meet the next morning via telephone to provide more answers in relation to the CNRC finances.

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The board discussed the contractual obligations of CNRC as well as a brief financial history and inconsistencies.

Chairman Kaminski committed to calling Ms. Gonzalez at 0930 the following morning.

**10. No Action – Presentation and discussion by Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority of their March 2022 reconciliation package and reports pursuant to the professional services agreement entered into on December 20, 2017.**

Kevin Romero was unable to attend to provide an update due to it being national EMS day.

Trustees had the following questions for REMSA

1. Why have there not been any Round Mountain Incident reports that can be made public?
2. Why has the invoice total increased?
3. Board would like to have a REMSA representative attend their scheduled meeting monthly.
4. Board would like to discuss 2 separate complaints involving REMSA.

**11. For Possible Action – Discussion and decision on a path forward for District owned Victoria St. houses.**

Dr. Pillers reminded the board that they have until October to put the houses in-service, an extension can be requested.

Secretary Maslach and Chairman Kaminski agree that they don't want to see the board waste any more time on these houses.

Mr. Carlyle advised the board to get rid of these properties as he believes the board "cannot afford to touch that garbage." He believes the board is wasting time with this project.

Trustee Browning motions to return all of the District owned Victoria St. houses back to the GSA.

Trustee Faga seconds motion.

Motion passes; 4-0

**12. For Possible Action – Discussion and decision on a path forward for District owned house at 149 Central St.**

Chairman Kaminski explained to the board that this house was bought with the intention of providing housing for Doctors or medical providers. This house is not livable and requires major repairs. Chairman Kaminski proposes that the board sell this property for the same amount that it was purchased for.

Trustee Browning motions to liquidate that asset.

Secretary/Treasurer Maslach second's motion.

Motion passes; 4-0

**13. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to accept the EARLY TERMINATION AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES AGREEMENT AND LEASE AGREEMENT between Northern Nye County Hospital District and PREMIER MEDICAL GROUP, LLC. Or determine Premier Medical Group, LLC (CNRC) to be in breach of contract.**

Chairman Kaminski discussed the invoices the board has received for CNRC and that these invoices came from Dr. Van Le's Office Manager, Vanessa Torres. These invoices come to a total of \$276,111.47. After looking into the current contract between the Hospital District and CNRC Mr. Kaminski and trustee Browning have determined that the invoices include items that they are not eligible to be reimbursed for. Chairman Gamble was told by Dr. Van Le that if the board pays these invoices the Dr. Le would be willing to sign the early termination agreement to get out of contract and their last day would be June 1, 2022.

The board discussed contractual agreements, legal obligations, contract breaches, and more.

Mr. Carlyle spoke to the board and stated that they are in a public health crisis and they need to cut their losses and walk away.

Mr. Ron Browning feels the board should "cut them loose" and not pay the invoices unless they can prove every receipt.

Mr. Bruce Jabbour recommends thy trustees go through the contract thoroughly and involve their lawyer to settle this, as Tonopah needs a health provider.

Chairman Kaminski recommends the board table item 13 and set a Special meeting for the 31<sup>st</sup> of May to vote on this item.

Trustee Browning motions to continue this item until a special meeting on May 31. Continuation for consulting with our attorney, consulting with his accountant, and consulting with him directly for termination of the contract.

Trustee Faga seconds motion.

Motion passes; 4-0

**14. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to set measurable performance milestones for Dr. Russell Pillers of Biowerx Consulting.**

Trustee Browning explained that when Dr. Pillers contract was renewed, there were a lot of questions about value and benefits of this contract. The motion at the time stated that the contract be reviewed, and the board set measurable performance milestones for Dr. Pillers at the 6-month mark of the contract.

Dr. Pillers proposes that every six months starting Monday, he provide the board with a list of the major accomplishments he anticipates to be able to achieve in the next six months. Then, if necessary, the board can disapprove or add to that list.

Trustee Browning stated that she would prefer quarterly reports and not every six months.

The Board and Dr. Pillers discussed the history and original intention of contracting with Bowerx. Dr. Pillers shared that he works for the Hospital District approximately 50 hours a week.

Trustee Browning motions that from this point forward, the Board request a quarterly supply of past and future projects.

Secretary/Treasurer Maslach second's motion.

Motion passes; 4-0

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

Trustee Browning motions to remove all of CNRC's invoices from this warrant package so that the Board will be voting to pay Hoy-Vallas and Bowerx consulting, those are the two invoices that we will be paying.

Secretary/Treasurer Maslach second's motion.

Motion passes; 4-0

**16. No Action – Open Meeting Law review.**

All trustees have attended this training.

**17. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (second)**

Mr. Ron Browning spoke on a REMSA complaint and hopes the board will speak with their supervisor to discuss this event.

**18. ANNOUNCEMENTS (second)**

Trustee Browning announced that Jim Butler days festivities will begin Sunday evening.

**19. ADJOURN**

**May 19, 2022 Meeting Adjourned.**

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022,

  
Chair