

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2024

Presiding Chairperson: Harlan Holste, Chairman

Secretary: Rosalie Ross

Attendance:

Board Members present:

Harlan Holste, Chairman
Mike Braxmeyer, Treasurer
Rosalie Ross, Secretary
Cedric Green
Roger Philpott
Phil Studer
Dan Fields
Mike Mulligan – via Teams

Members absent:

Matt Wolters, Vice Chairman

Guests:

Administrative Team Staff Present:

Gina Eastin, Regional Analyst
Heather Prideaux, Regional CFO
Ryan Marvin, Support Services Director
Craig Loveless, CEO
Amie Powell, Chief Operations Officer
Tina Whisnant, Risk Manager
Allison Mulch, CCO
Stephanie Klinge, Spc Clinical Coordinator
Dan Salus, HR Director
Suzanna Koel, Foundation Director – via Teams
Dawn Stasser, Quality – via Teams
Travis Daise, MD, CMO
Megan Rippe, DON – via Teams

RCHC Staff Present:

Bre McEwen, executive assistant

Community Members Present:

Melanie Prideaux

Call to Order:

- Board Chairman, Harlan Holste, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- Recognition of Special Guests and Announcements: None.
- Mr. Philpot moved, and Ms. Ross seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment:

- Harlan Holste asked if there were any public comment:
 - Melanie Prideaux handed out a timeline of events for trying to get a prescription refill. Concerns of the struggle getting it refilled, then if it gets refilled, ‘most of the time the prescription is wrong’. She feels there is ‘passing the buck’ amongst staff. Would like this brought to light in case it could be happening to other patients.
 - RCHC has identified internal issues and already put a process in place to prevent these issues moving forward.

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from the January 22, 2024, regular meeting presented for approval.
- Reminder of the next regular scheduled board meeting date of Monday, March 25, at 5:30 pm.
- Informational Items-Department Reports: (The following are reports which require no actions unless otherwise noted):
 - Radiology report
 - Clinic report
 - Rehab report
 - HR report
- Ms. Ross moved, and Mr. Green seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 8-0.

Board Committee

- Finance Committee:
- By-Laws Committee:
- Building Committee:
 - No update.

Presentation:

- None.

Financials:

- Days liquid cash on hand: 297
- Heather Prideaux presented the January 2024 financials.

Medical Executive Report

- The Medical Executive Committee Report with Credentialing was presented by Dr. Daise. January and February policy and procedure committee minutes were submitted to the medical executive committee. Dr. Eddy, podiatrist, received temporary privileges. Insurance enrollments are coming in so just working on scheduling a day to get started. Antibiotic stewardship is a required committee with a physician. Have contracted with NOD for infectious disease specialists and would include sitting on this committee. Medical Executive Committee recommends mentioned providers for approval as well as all policies submitted. Motion to approve Medical Executive Committee Report with credentialing and policies by Mr. Fields, seconded by Mr. Philpott. Motion carried 8-0.

Administrative Reports:

- Tina Whisnant, RN, presented the 2024 Risk Management Plan. Changed Chief of Staff to Dr. Daise with Dr. Robbins’ departure. KDHE has certain requirements be in the plan that Tina updated. This plan is a requirement that must be met prior to submitting for the annual hospital licensure. Mr. Studer moved to approve the 2024 Risk Management Plan as presented, seconded by Ms. Ross. Motion carried 8-0.
- Craig Loveless discussed the 2024 Mill Levy Resolution. RCHC has been 8 years under the last mill levy approval. Graph presented to show the last 5 years’ net position with the removal of COVID dollars and

breaks out tax revenue. Only 2 of these years would be positive without the tax monies. Capital purchase dollars also listed to show how money is being put back into the hospital in order to grow. This represents clearly that the hospital relies on tax dollars to continue operations. The USD tax resolution will be on the same August 2024 ballot as the hospital.

- Question raised: If RCHC does not receive the 13 mills, is there anything that can be cut?
 - The hospital defaults to 6 mills if not approved. In previous years, it has been voted ‘no’ in August, then came back and received a ‘yes’ in November. Capital purchases would be cut first and would have to look deeper after that.

Would like to put together a Mill Levy Committee consisting of board members, RCHC employees, and community members. Have a few individuals lined up within the facility as well as the community. Still looking for additional board members. Marketing group is aware RCHC is not allowed to campaign for political funds. Trouble in the community with the public using the language of a ‘bond’. This is not a bond and only continuing what has already been in place for years.

Jet Marketing helped put together some talking points on this subject. This points out that the mills have been in place at the same amount since 2004. The dollar amounts have increased with valuations in the county, but not due to higher mill levy. Need to differentiate between revenue bonds versus general obligation bonds. If RCHC plans to expand on the 2012 project with USDA, that is a revenue bond that does not affect the community. The hospital relies on the community and the community needs the hospital. Bottom line is that the hospital needs this mill levy to survive.

- Motion to approve the Resolution to Request Mill Levy of 13 mills as presented by Mr. Fields, seconded by Mr. Philpott. Motion carried 8-0.

CEO Report:

- Craig reviewed this month’s dashboards. Not much change month to month.
- 2024 Strategic Plan off-site meeting was on February 13th. New MAP put together with the 2024 information. This will be a shared document between facilities.
 - Community Events: CHNA (community health needs assessment) and Community Health Fair. CHNA survey now open; closes March 15th. Health fair date still to be determined.

Chairperson Report:

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Other New Business:

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Executive Session

- Mr. Studer moved to enter executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with the executive committee and leadership team for 20minutes at 7:07pm, seconded by Mr. Green. Motion carried 8-0.
- Exited executive session at 7:18pm and reconvened into open session.
- Ms. Ross moved to offer the contract as discussed to Shayla Orten, LMSW, seconded by Mr. Green. Motion carried 8-0.
- Board reviewed and discussed the survey they had taken earlier.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Rosalie Ross, Secretary

Bre McEwen, Recording Secretary