

Meeting	Board of Directors		
Date / Time	January 29, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.	Location	Ione Community Church
			395 East Main Street, Ione, OR 97843
Chair	Diane Kilkenny, Board Chair	Recorder	Sam Van Laer
Board Members	Present: Diane Kilkenny, John Murray, Stephen Munkers, Trista Seastone, Scott Ezell (after agenda item 7(a))		
Attendees	Staff: Emily Roberts, Nicole Mahoney, Julie Baker, Sam Van Laer, Joey Munkers, Scott Ezell (before agenda item 7(a)) Guests: None		
	Press: None		
Mission	Vision		Values

Bring essential health services to our rural communities that meet the unique needs of the people we serve.

Vision Be the first choice for quality, compassionate care, and lead the way in promoting wellness and improving health in our communities.

Integrity, Compassion, Quality, **Respect, Financial Responsibility** 

Agenda Item		Minutes	
1.	Call to OrderDiane Kilkenny called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.		
2. Public Comments		The following individual(s) gave public comment:	
		Trista Seastone	
3.	Approval of Meeting Minutes	<b>MOTION:</b> Stephen Munkers moved to approve the minutes for the December 13, 2023 special session as presented. John Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members present (Kilkenny, Seastone, Murray, Munkers).	
		<b>MOTION:</b> John Murray moved to approve the minutes for the December 18, 2023 regular session as presented. Stephen Munkers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members present (Kilkenny, Seastone, Murray, Munkers).	
		<b>MOTION:</b> Stephen Munkers moved to approve the minutes for the January 8, 2024 special session as presented. John Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members present (Kilkenny, Seastone, Murray, Munkers).	
		<b>MOTION:</b> John Murray moved to approve the minutes for the January 19, 2024 session as presented. Trista Seastone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members present (Kilkenny, Seastone, Murray, Munkers).	
4.	CEO Report & Dashboard - Emily Roberts	The Executive Team Dashboard was presented by Emily Roberts (see Board packet). Roberts reports the District is working on improving days in AR, however, this metric continues to be heavily impacted by the District's transition to a new electronic health record system, Thrive.	



5. Financial Report - Nicole Mahoney	Nicole Mahoney presented the District's monthly financials (See Board packet). Mahoney reports there are two months of financials included in the packet because of December's early Board meeting. Mahoney reports the \$500k line of credit for the tax anticipation note was fully repaid in November.
	Mahoney discussed how the healthcare financial landscape has changed post-COVID. Healthcare is seeing a trend of lower utilization rates, which is decreasing revenue. Organizations' operating costs continue to increase. The District is under expected revenue predictions and over budget on purchased services (mainly staffing agencies and travelers) due to staffing shortages.
6. Consent Agenda A. EMS Stats - December 2023	Emily Roberts presented the Consent Agenda (see Board packet). A full year of statistics are included in the packet. EMS run times remain exceptional.
	<b>MOTION:</b> John Murray moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Trista Seastone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members present (Kilkenny, Seastone, Murray, Munkers).
7. New Business	
A. Board Applications	Emily Reports there are four applications for consideration (see Board packet). The Board states that they appreciate each of the applications that were submitted.
	<b>MOTION:</b> John Murray made a motion to elect Scott Ezell to the open Board position. Stephen Munkers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members present (Kilkenny, Seastone, Murray, Munkers).
	Scott Ezell declared that he formally resigns from Morrow County Health District.
	Emily Roberts facilitated Scott Ezell's oath of office. Scott Ezell stated, "I, Scott Ezell, do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of a Morrow County Health District elected official according to the best of my ability and in accordance with the board bylaws."
	Scott Ezell is now a Morrow County Health District Board member.
B. CORA Roster Privileges	Emily Roberts presented Dr. Lensing's appointment to the Medical Staff for consideration (see Board packet).
	<b>MOTION:</b> John Murray made a motion to appoint Dr. Lensing to the Medical Staff. Trista Seastone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members present (Kilkenny, Seastone, Murray, Munkers, Ezell).



C. Behavioral Health Consultant Contract	Emily Roberts presented the proposed contract for Jamie Reed, LCSW, for consideration (see Board packet). Roberts reports that Reed was formerly a CSW with the District and recently gained her licensure as a clinical social worker. Due to Reed's new credentials, the District proposes an updated contract.
	<b>MOTION:</b> John Murray made a motion to have Emily Roberts execute the new contract for Jamie Reed, LCSW. Trista Seastone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members present (Kilkenny, Seastone, Murray, Munkers, Ezell).
D. Property Sale	Emily Roberts asks the Board to release the green house that was included in the purchase of the former Nazarene church. Roberts reports the District utilizes the church, but the house was not livable and needs extensive repairs. Roberts recommends selling the house "as is."
	Nicole Mahoney reports there is a \$70,300 loan balance, as of 12/31/23, still on the books. The house is not included in current strategic plans for the District and leaving it unoccupied will only further its disrepair. The community also has a housing shortage.
	<b>MOTION:</b> John Murray made a motion to sell the house "as is." Trista Seastone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members present (Kilkenny, Seastone, Murray, Munkers, Ezell).
E. Ambulance Service Contract	Emily Roberts presented the Ambulance Service Contract that was drafted by legal counsel. The contract was on the posted agenda, but not included in the Board packet as it was not finished at the time the packet was posted. Roberts provided copies and reports it will be on the District's website for the public.
	It has been reported that the Morrow County Administrator, Matthew Jensen, has publicly accused the District of violating Oregon Public Meetings Law by not including the contract in the Board packet posted on the District's website.
	Roberts clarifies that while Oregon Public Meetings law requires the District to post a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, it does not require the District to post the Board packets or handouts (ORS 192.640(1)). Roberts reports the District elects to post the Board packets on the website to promote public transparency, and this practice only began when she took the position as CEO. The Attorney General's Public Records and Meetings Manual also provides specific interpretation of the statute, stating "this requirement ordinarily would be met by disseminating an agenda," (page 151). Roberts states the District satisfied the requirements of the statute by including the Ambulance Service Contract as agenda item 7(E) when public notice for the meeting was posted.
	Roberts asks the Board for approval to be able to sign the contract and send to the County. The contract would allow the District to continue the same services and would negate the 90-day notice. The contract is similar to other county ambulance contracts, gives standards, and healthcare compliance assurances.



	Roberts reports that the major changes would be the accounting process as shown in Appendix A, provided by WIPFLI, the accounting firm who completes the District's audits and cost reports. The contract sets the methodology of how losses will be calculated similar to other counties. Multnomah, Clackamas, and Clark counties all pay a per transport fee to their ambulance service providers because ambulance services are not profitable even in these high-volume areas.
	Roberts recommends providing the contract to the County tomorrow. Kilkenny opines that this will help the County prioritize ambulance services to avoid any disruption. The contract would preserve cost-based reimbursement with the District being the County-wide provider.
	<b>MOTION:</b> John Murray made a motion to approve the contract as presented and give Emily Roberts the authority to sign and execute the contract on behalf of the District and present it to Morrow County. Scott Ezell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members present (Kilkenny, Seastone, Murray, Munkers, Ezell).
8. Old Business	None.
9. Executive Session	At 7:42 p.m. Diane Kilkenny called to order Executive Sessions under:
	<ul> <li>A. ORS 192.660(2)(i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of a public employee who does not request an open hearing.</li> <li>B. ORS 192.660(2)(i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of a public employee who does not request an open hearing</li> </ul>
	Kilkenny states that members of the news media may attend executive sessions, with limited exceptions. News media are instructed not to report about what happened in executive sessions. Kilkenny states that the Board will not be returning to open session.
	The Executive Session adjourned at 10:18 p.m.
10. Adjourn	With no further business to come before the Board, regular session adjourned at 7:42 p.m.
	Minutes taken and submitted by Sam Van Laer. Approved March 25, 2024.

## **Promise of Excellence**

**Compassion:** Being motivated with a desire to assist patients and staff with empathy and kindness and committed to going the extra mile to ensure patients and staff feel comfortable and welcomed.

**Respect:** Recognizing and valuing the dignity and uniqueness of everyone. Respect creates a work environment based on teamwork, encouragement, trust, concern, honesty, and responsive communication among all employees and our patients.



Integrity: Encompassing honesty and consistently adhering to the principles of professionalism and accountability with our patients, fellow employees, and community partners. Integrity is at the heart of everything we do.

Excellence: Creating standards of performance that surpass ordinary expectations. We want to make this the place where patients want to come, our providers want to practice, and people want to work!