



Missouri River Medical Center
Board of Trustees
August 25th, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri River Medical Center was held on August 25th, 2022, in the MRMC Reach Room, and by utilizing online phone and video conferencing. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mike O'Hara at 1:30 PM.

Members: Members present were Mike O'Hara, Roger Pugh, and Tricia Juedeman. Also, present were; Louie King, CEO, Shane Clark, CFO; Janice Woodhouse, DON/COO, and Bryan Cartwright, Recorder.

Guests: Brian Solan, Josh Routzhan, and Marcus Eidal of Ameresco.

Minutes: Minutes of the July 28th, 2022, board meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: The MRMC Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the July 28th, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion was made by Tricia, second by Roger. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from the Floor: None

Foundation Report: None.

Board Action Items:

Ameresco Update:

Marcus with Ameresco stated that last week the new Benton Medical Clinic received the parts for the electrical panel. Installation was completed Friday. Also, the startup of the Air conditioner was successful. The air conditioner was turned off until the fire panel is fully installed. 3 Sprinkler heads will be installed in the hallway next week. Tuesday of next week we will have controls of lighting finished. DPHHS will then be given the check off sheet to then schedule the inspection. Move in is currently scheduled for October 3rd. A discussion was held on the phone system installation details. Also, a discussion on utilizing the old clinic space once the move into the new clinic is completed. Louie discussed using the old laundry space for the new resident dining room. Bryan stated that the structural engineer said we could use the old Laundry area for a new resident dining room with some modifications. Brian Solan discussed having a staff planning meeting to discuss use of the old clinic space. Louie stated that the Board is welcome to attend, and have the meeting hosted over zoom. There was a mention of reserving some of the old clinic space for a dental office. The old clinic will have some management offices as well.

Approval of John Deere Tractor for Snow Removal and other Misc. Tasks:

Shane discussed initially placing the budget for the MRMC tractor at \$30,000. Bryan Cartwright discussed the bids received for Kubota, Bob Cat, and John Deere. Bryan Cartwright discussed the accessories with the John Deere to include a front-end loader, snowplow, drag blade, and rotary broom. Janice Woodhouse discussed contacting Workman's comp for possible funding for the rotary broom.

MOTION: The MRMC Board of Trustees moved purchase the John Deere 1025r tractor in the amount of \$36,317.89. Motion was made by Tricia second by Roger. Motion carried.

- **Nursing Services – DON/COO Report**

- Janice Woodhouse discussed the SAIL program with physical therapists Penny Lee Goldhahn and Gage Grossman. Mike read a report from Gage Grossman on the Moonwalker, showing a lot of interest and willingness to continue the study. Gage mentioned that there are other studies MRMC Physical Therapy have been asked to participate in with the Moonwalker equipment. Mike spoke with Jerry Cooke, to seek Medicare's acceptance of charges related to these services. The board discussed the benefit of the program to the community, funding options, and billing options. Roger mentioned a Medicare program called Silver Sneakers. Louie asked if the board would allow Janice to mitigate the future of the SAIL program. Mike stated that Gage and Penny will give a report next month. The board discussed the private pay rate for the Moon Walker. Mike discussed how great the projects have been for the community.
- Janice discussed some staff and residents have currently tested positive for Covid. We are testing for Covid, but not currently stopping visitations. Janice discussed 4 Covid immunizations given to residents. The few who have contracted COVID are in isolation. Janice discussed the addition of patient video monitors. The Rural Health Clinic was recently surveyed which lasted one and a half days. One expired medication was found but posed no risk to patients. We continue to utilize staffing agencies. Janice has spoken with Rob Truax at Fort Benton Schools, as well as Montana Health Network, about continuing C.N.A classes.

- **Financial Services Report**

- Shane Clark presented July 2022 Financial Report. Total operating revenue trailed budget by \$19k for the month. Professional fees and clinic expense were the main reason expenses were over budget by \$41k. This was due to contract nursing staff and additional supplies for the new clinic. Net loss for the month was \$55k which was below budget by \$75k.



- A discussion was held on utilizing contract nursing staff. Roger Pugh stated that Northern University currently has 25 nursing students. A discussion was held on the limitation of students that are accepted into college for nursing, and how to remove the cap.
 - Shane discussed utilizing the Rural Health Clinic Grant for the new clinic expenses. Also, Shane mentioned that provider relief funds would be recognized in the prior fiscal year. This will have an impact on non-operating income throughout the new fiscal year as compared to the budgeted amount.
- **CEO Report**
 - Louie stated that Carol Tadej Clinic manager has resigned, and that Genie Stone now has the role of Clinic Manager.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2022, at 1:30PM in the MRMC Reach room and via Zoom.

MOTION: The MRMC Board of Trustees moved to go into closed session. Motion was made by Trish second by Roger. Motion carried.

MOTION: The MRMC Board of Trustees moved to come out of closed session. Motion was made by Trish second by Roger. Motion carried.

MOTION: The MRMC Board of Trustees moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trish second by Roger. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike O'Hara, Chairman

Bryan Cartwright, Recorder