



**Missouri River Medical Center**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**August 26, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri River Medical Center was held on August 26, 2021, 2021 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 1:44 PM.

**Members:** Members present were Mike O’Hara, Roger Pugh, Ross Rettig, Tricia Juedeman, and Nikki Stovall. Also present were; Louie King, CEO, Janice Woodhouse, DON, Shane Clark, CFO; and Bryan Cartwright, Recorder.

Guests: None

**Minutes:** Minutes of the July 13, 2021 board meeting were reviewed.

**MOTION:** The MRMC Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the July 13, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion was made by Nikki Stovall, second by Ross Rettig. Motion carried unanimously.

**Comments from the Floor:** None

**Foundation Report:** None

**Board Action Items:**

- **Community Health Needs Assessment**
  - Louie discussed need to perform a Community Health Needs Assessment in the amount of \$6200 through AHEC in Helena. The assessment would be done through small town meetings along with the Chouteau County Health Department. We will do the needs assessment every 3 years Louie stated.

**MOTION:** The MRMC Board of Trustees moved to approve the \$6,200 Community Health Needs Assessment, motion was made by Ross Rettig, second by Tricia Juedeman. Mike O’Hara asked for any more discussion. There was none. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Hot Air and Water Separator**

- Louie discussed need to replace the boiler hot air and water separator. Doug Simpson Maintenance manager showed Louie the leaking part. Central Plumbing and Heating quoted \$7089.00 for the repairs.

**MOTION:** The MRMC Board of Trustees moved to approve the \$7089 Hot Air and Water Separator repair, motion was made by Nikki Stovall, second by Tricia Juedeman. Mike O’Hara asked for any more discussion. There was none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Cyber Insurance**

- Louie and Shane have researched two companies referred by Benefis. Ransomware has started to target small hospitals. Great American is the facilities current Cyber Insurance carrier. New policies are very expensive. We would like to conduct a security risk assessment to show to insurance companies to show results to help negotiate rates. Bryan Cartwright will work to complete questionnaires as he knows the MRMC Environment, Louie stated.

**MOTION:** Action tabled.

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

- Janice stated there have been a few retirements lately, and that we do have help wanted advertisements out there. We are still utilizing traveling nurses as well. Janice stated that Shelly Allderdice from Highwood has been hired as the new Clinic RN Manager. Tree trimming services are underway at the facility today. Continuing to update staff with Covid information. We do not provide screenings to Canada travels; however, Alluvia in Great Falls provides this service. We do provide screenings for surgeries. We are still letting families come in and visit, however MRMC limits the number to two family members at a time. Visitations for resident’s mental health is important for the residents both Janice and Louie discussed. Janice discussed Nursing Home staff vaccination mandates, which MRMC does not need to follow because of its critical access hospital classification. If CMS decides to mandate vaccines for all long-term care direct care workers, there will be unvaccinated employees that will need to get the vaccine to be able to work at MRMC. With Long Term Care patients, we are watching the federal guidelines carefully. We are purchasing 30 new mattresses with Covid funding Janice stated.

- **Financial Services Report**

- Shane Clark provided July Financials, see attached. Shane stated that or the month of July, operating income after the tax subsidy was \$1.7k which was below budget by \$1.7k.



- For the month of July, there was no acute revenue, but we saw high long-term care and outpatient revenue. Long term care revenue was \$173k which was \$35k above budget and outpatient revenue was \$39k above budget with \$250k in gross revenue. Skilled swing bed volume was steady with nearly \$90k in gross revenue which was below budget by \$17k.
- **CEO Report**
  - Louie said it looks like we will be breaking ground for the new Clinic in September. We will begin coordinating a groundbreaking ceremony. Star Taylor is retiring. Also, Susan and Vima have retired from Laundry. Paul Brown will be taking over Laundry. Paul helped all night during the basement flood and is a good employee Louie stated. Benefis Teton Medical Center has gone through recent Critical Access Hospital surveys which have started back up again after being shut down over the last year due to COVID. The State surveys are 3 phases; first Licensure, second Certification of the quality of care, and third is Fire, Life and Safety. We are making preparations for the upcoming surveys.

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2021 at 1:30PM in the MRMC Reach room and via Zoom.**

**MOTION: The MRMC Board of Trustees moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trish Juedeman at 2:03PM, second by Roger Pugh. Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mike O'Hara, Chairman

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Bryan Cartwright, Recorder