

**Morton County Health System
Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of November 14, 2023**

1. **Call to Order:** Dr. Todd Johnson DC, FASA, Chairman of the board, called the meeting to order at 11:57 am.

Attendees:

Lisa Swenson, CEO
Richard Adams, CFO
Troy Barnett, Vice Chairman
Karen Gates, Secretary
Ron Rich, Treasurer
Jennifer Pearlstein, Administrative Assistant/minutes
Amry Caddick, Quality
Sharm Hall, Infection Prevention
Jeanne Schumacher, Clinic Manager
Aubrey Winegarner, Director of Nursing
Michele Ruest, Controller
Gail Horner, HIM
Rita Granados, Pharmacy

2. **Approve Agenda:** Todd asked for motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. Troy made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Ron, motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Board members read the October 17th regular meeting minutes. Todd asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Karen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Troy, motion carried.
4. **CFO Report Richard:** We have closed October. We have received our approval letter from CMS to become a Critical Access Hospital. There is a hold up with WPS now and we are working on it. Roofing on the Assisted Living and all hospital houses have been completed. The clinic roof will be starting soon and will take 30-40 days. The hospital roof will take about 50 days to complete. Michele will be creating budgets for each department; these will be complete and given out after Thanksgiving. We are bidding out hospital employee health insurance. Open enrollment will be in December.
5. **CEO Update Lisa:** QueueLogix will be here on the 15th, with a go live date of December 1st. The front door construction project is coming along nicely. We have contacted Senator Marshall's office about the issue with WPS. Staff continue to work great together, and it is greatly appreciated. We will be looking into the 340B pharmacy program for reimbursement.
6. **Infection Prevention:** Working with staff to help deep clean rooms while we look for another housekeeping employee. Looking into lab pricing and how we can bring patients back to our facility to have their testing done here.
7. **Quality Management:** The annual risk management plan is due December 31st and will have that to the board at the December board meeting.

8. **Public Comments:** None at this time.

9. **Executive Session:** Todd asked for a motion to enter executive session at 12:30 pm with Lisa and Richard for personnel for 1 hour. Motion made by Ron, seconded by Troy, motion passed. Executive session ended at 1:17 pm with no action taken.

10. **Adjournment:** Todd asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Troy, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm

Karen Gates

12-19-2023

Karen Gates, Secretary

Date