

**Morton County Health System  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Minutes of January 16, 2024**

1. **Call to Order:** Dr. Todd Johnson DC, FASA, Chairman of the board, called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

**Attendees:**

Richard Adams, CFO  
Troy Barnett, Vice Chairman  
Karen Gates, Secretary  
Ron Rich, Treasurer  
Jennifer Pearlstein, Administrative Assistant/minutes  
Marco Medina, IT Director  
Amy Caddick, Quality  
Sharm Hall, Infection Prevention  
Aubrey Winegarner, Director of Nursing  
Michele Ruest, Controller  
Dr. Andy Wilson  
Dr. Brett Burnett  
Josh Abel, ACP Director of Operations

2. **Approve Agenda:** Todd asked for motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. Karen made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Ron, motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Board members read the December 19, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Todd asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Karen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ron, motion carried.
4. **CFO Report Richard:** We have closed November and are working on closing December and year end 2023. CMS doing the cost report audit of 2020. Census numbers have been up, we are averaging 4-5 patients per day. Reviewing the charge master this will be complete within the next few weeks. Thank you to our team for everything you do. We are looking at ways to cut costs in 2024. We received the 340B pharmacy program.
5. **CMO Dr. Brett Burnett:** We have a wonderful community. A big thank you to Dusty and Stephanie with EMS during the blizzard. Have been talking with providers daily to help them with anything they need.
6. **Dr. Andy Wilson:** Actively recruiting physicians. Working on the revenue side of things and swing bed.
7. **Infection Prevention/lab:** Updating the charge master for lab. Will be talking to Dr. Burnett about becoming a reference lab for the area.
8. **Quality Management:** Quality report was emailed to the members of the board.
9. **Public Comments:** None at this time.
10. **Other Business:** Aubrey, DON, census has been steady, working with Azalea on medication scanning.

**11. 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 1:34 pm

*Karen Gates*

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**Karen Gates, Secretary**

*2-20-2024*

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**Date**