



~Approved as Amended 1/30/2024~

Special Board Meeting

Friday, January 5, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Board Room & Microsoft Teams Conference Call

Board Members Present:

Clint Cook – Bigfork Township
Kurt Fredrickson – Stokes Township
Carol Gilbertson – Itasca County At-Large
Tom LaMont – City of Effie
Gordon Rahier – Pomroy Township
Larry Salmela – Carpenter Township
Sally Sedgwick – Wirt Township
Dan Sursely – City of Big Falls
Heidi Watson – Koochiching County At-Large

Board Members Remote:

Teresa Kittridge – Marcell Township
Marie Lovdahl – Itasca County Unorganized

Board Members Absent:

Greg Cook – Koochiching County Unorganized
Gary Erickson – City of Bigfork

Staff Members: Darla Anderson, Nelly Becker, Sam Beckner, Heather Boessel, Alex Cleath, Drew Francisco, Renee Tower

Others: LaDonna Cole, Collette Fredrickson, Dan Heinecke, Nathan Hough, Dawn Kern, Connie Lovdahl, Bruce Sampson

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Clinton Cook called the special board meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Gordon Rahier opened the meeting with prayer.

I. Board Attorney

Sally Sedgwick was conducting the facility tour with the CEO candidate at this time.

Clint Cook recommended hiring Christopher Virta as the board's attorney due to Matthew Van Bruggen's busy schedule. Christopher Virta's fee is \$250 per hour.

After discussion, Larry Salmela made a **motion** to hire Christopher Virta, an attorney at Fryberger Law Firm, as the board's attorney, seconded by Carol Gilbertson. The motion passed unanimously.

II. In-person CEO Interview/Meet and Greet

Sally Sedgwick entered the meeting at this time.

After touring the facility, Nathan Hough, CEO candidate, joined the board for a meet and greet/interview at 11:00 a.m. Introductions were made. Nathan shared his thoughts and ideas about the facility. Board members asked Nathan questions and community members were also invited to ask questions.

III. Lunch with CEO Candidate

Board members, medical staff, employees and community members were invited to a luncheon "meet and greet" with Nathan Hough, CEO candidate. Lunch was served in the Wanigan.

IV. CEO Search – Next Steps

Sally Sedgwick was conducting the facility tour with the CEO candidate at this time.

Reference checks will be conducted on the final candidates. A background study cannot be done until an offer has been made.

Gordon Rahier reported that after withdrawing as a CEO candidate, Cody Barnhart is interested in the position again. After discussion, it was the

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consensus of the board to schedule a full board virtual interview with Cody Barnhart. Heidi will work with GPAC to schedule a virtual interview on January 16.

At 1:56 p.m., a **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Carol Gilbertson, seconded by Gordon Rahier. The motion passed unanimously.

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