



~Approved as Amended 1/30/2024~

Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

8:00 a.m.

Board Room & Microsoft Teams Conference Call

Board Members Present:

Clint Cook – Bigfork Township
Greg Cook – Koochiching County Unorganized
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

Board Members Remote:

Gary Erickson – City of Bigfork
Teresa Kittridge – Marcell Township
Marie Lovdahl – Itasca County Unorganized
Heidi Watson – Koochiching County At-Large

Board Members Absent:

Staff Members: Darla Anderson, Rob Anderson, Nelly Becker, Sam Beckner, Kyle Buckingham, Heather Boessel, Alex Cleath, Sara Elioff, Jeff Fontana, Drew Francisco, Katie Gilbertson, Dawn Jourdan, Deb Morell, Amanda Niemala, Mike Olson, Heidi Powell, Jennifer Rissanen, Ashlee Snyder, Renee Tower

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Others: Cody Barnhart, Lin Cook, Dawn Kern, Bruce Sampson, Lorenzo Suter

Clinton Cook called the special board meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

I. Virtual CEO Candidate Interview

Cody Barnhart was interviewed by the full board.

Following the interview, community members and staff were invited to share their opinions about Cody Barnhart.

After discussion, a **motion** to invite Cody Barnhart for an onsite interview was made by Carol Gilbertson, seconded by Larry Salmela. The motion passed unanimously.

Sally Sedgwick exited the meeting at this time to conduct the facility tour with the CEO candidate.

The board took a recess at 9:32 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

II. In-person CEO Candidate Interview/Meet and Greet

Gary Erickson and Marie Lovdahl did not return to the meeting after the recess.

Sally Sedgwick entered the meeting at this time.

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

III. Lunch with CEO Candidate

Board members, medical staff, employees, and community members were invited to a luncheon “meet and greet” with Lorenzo Suter, CEO candidate. Lunch was served in the Wanigan Cafeteria.

IV. Discussion of All CEO Candidates and Next Steps

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

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There was discussion about the voting process for selecting a CEO.

A **motion** to authorize Heidi Powell to conduct reference checks on Lorenzo Suter was made by Greg Cook, seconded by Carol Gilbertson. The motion passed unanimously.

At 1:36 p.m., a **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Greg Cook, seconded by Dan Sursely. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Renee Tower, Executive Administrative Assistant.

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