

Great Divide Ambulance

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Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, November 1, 2024 Minutes

10am at the Cable Community Centre

13660 County Hwy M, Cable, WI 54821

Roy Bloom called the meeting to order at 10:01am. In attendance were Roy Bloom, Ron Gran, Jack McGregor, Jamie Holly, Dale Ahlvin, Rob Puls, Tony Lang, Laura Bjork and one other.

Great Divide Ambulance update – Tony Lang stated that two EMTs have been hired and there is one more that is interested. The service has been busy, and we have been fulfilling all calls. There is also a Nurse who might be interested in joining. Both trucks have been in the for repairs. One is still having a problem and is back in the shop. The older one with 300,000 miles is being used. Rob Puls noted that the 2018 is still in the shop getting re-mounted. We need to plan for another truck to be coming at some point. Tony Lang stated there was an issue with transfers at Hayward Hospital, but it was corrected.

Third Quarter Financial Report – Rob Puls reported patient income is right on budget. However, the September income is way off, so the billing company will be contacted to figure out why this is happening. It was noted that interest income was increased dramatically for transferring funds into high yield accounts, and the event fees were almost double what was budgeted.

Bayfield County Emergency Medical Services Strategic Plan – Sue Rosa explained that the plan was approved to pay a dispatch and a new coordinator, and the \$20,000 benefit for all ambulances was to be dispersed. The other plans were taken out of the budget. The county reduced the levy as a result. Rob Puls added the Ad-Hoc committee originally came up with 3 proposals; using the sheriff's department to be trained as EMTs and hiring new deputies and squads, dispersing money to services, or go with the results of the study (put response vehicles in various parts of the county). At the last meeting Jan Victorson called a meeting and offered this position as a coordinator. This meeting excluded GDAS and Ashland Fire. This is a huge loss in the community to provide response. There was discussion on the details of the suggested plans.

Health Insurance Plan Details – MOTION made by Jack McGregor to approve Roy Bloom as an alternate agent for retirement and ICI benefits. MOTION seconded by Jamie Holly and carried. There was discussion on details of the approved Health Insurance Plan.

Handbook Update – Changes were presented to the Employee Handbook. MOTION made by Jack McGregor to approve changes as presented. MOTION seconded by Dale Ahlvin and carried.

MOTION made by Jamie Holly @ 11:22am to adjourn to Closed Session according to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(C) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. MOTION seconded by Jack McGregor and carried.

MOTION made by Jack McGregor to reconvene to open session @ 11:47am pursuant to State Statute 19.85(2) to take any necessary action(s) as required and resume regular business. MOTION seconded by Jamie Holly and carried.

Roy Bloom adjourned the meeting at 11:48am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Bjork
Great Divide Ambulance Business Manager