

Great Divide Ambulance
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, September 13, 2024 Minutes
12pm at the Cable Community Centre
13660 County Hwy M, Cable, WI 54821

Roy Bloom called the meeting to order at 12:07pm. 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 – Rob Puls stated the service has been on approximately 100 runs in August putting us over the estimated figure for budget. There are currently only seven employees staffing the service. Everyone is over-worked. Financially, we are looking good. September is starting off a bit slow. The two new ambulances already have 115,000 miles each and need maintenance. Tony Lang stated the ambulances will be hopefully getting repaired next week. We are currently waiting for the ambulance that was to be re-mounted, as the company is 4 to 6 weeks behind. Tony Lang stated that the schedule is being filled, but it is difficult to fill. The service just hired an EMT. There was discussion on hiring drivers, but we need medics to be with the drivers, and we are short medics.

Bayfield County Emergency Medical Services Strategic Plan – The County Wide EMS plan was presented and discussed. There were concerns presented for billing at a Paramedic Level and levying for county services, and hardship to hire employees. There were thoughts about contracting with the only Paramedic Service within the county to provide this service and help with hiring. The ad-hoc committee approved two things to move forward in the county: to hire an EMS coordinator and to fund a county wide EMS system. Pros and cons were discussed.

Health Insurance Plans – Two plans were presented: the state health insurance and Blue Cross Blue Shield via eHealth. MOTION made by Jamie Holly to table this discussion and move to the 2025 Budget. MOTION seconded by Jack McGregor and carried.

Budget 2025 – A preliminary 2025 budget was presented that had figures for a current budget as of functioning now, a budget with wage increases, a service director and health insurance, a sustainable budget and a transport only budget. There was discussion on the options presented. MOTION made by Jack McGregor to approve the 2025 budget based on the \$2,124,422.01 budget. MOTION seconded by Ron Gran and carried.

Health Insurance Plans - MOTION made by Jamie Holly to approve the Anthem BlueCross BlueShield Health Insurance as present through eHealth. MOTION seconded by Jack McGregor and carried.

Resolution for inclusion Under the WI Public Employers Group Health Insurance Program and Designation of Agent – The board decided to hold off on this for reconsideration next year.

Resolution for Inclusion Under Group Life Insurance and Designation of Agent – The board decided to hold off on this for reconsideration next year.

Resolution for Inclusion Under the Income Continuation Insurance Plan and Designation of Agent – MOTION made by Jamie Holly for approval of the Resolution for Inclusion Under the Income Continuation Insurance Plan and to approve Laura Bjork as agent, contingent of \$0 cost. MOTION seconded by Jack McGregor and carried.

MOTION made by Jamie Holly @ 2:50pm 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 Jamie Holly to reconvene to open session @ 2:53pm pursuant to State Statute 19.85(2) to take any necessary action(s) as required and resume regular business. MOTION seconded by Jack McGregor and carried.

Roy Bloom adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Bjork
Great Divide Ambulance Business Manager