



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Great Divide Ambulance

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 ~ 4:30pm

Cable Community Centre

13660 County Hwy M, Cable, WI 54821

1. **Call to Order** – Jamie Holly called the meeting to order at 4:32pm
 - Attendees: Jamie Holly, Dale Ahlvin, Ron Gran, Dave Hanks, Anthony Lang, Monica Bigo and Amanda Chaon
2. **Approval of December Minutes** – **MOTION** to approve 12/15/2025 minutes made by Jamie Holly. **MOTION** seconded by Ron Gran and carried.
3. **Service Update** –
 - Monica Bigo stated that December ended with 100 runs; 69 for January already.
 - Great Divide Ambulance was present at the Red Bull Skateboarding event with a BLS truck.
 - Signed again with Birkie for 2026.
 - Anthony Lang stated the new ventilators and defibrillators that were approved for purchase are in use and working great. Hamilton Medical came and did training on the new equipment. North Air Care came and provided a 4-hr clinic.
 - Trucks are doing okay except for Unit 5 that is currently being serviced under warranty. Installed muffler.
 - a. **Staffing** – Monica Bigo stated it's the first time GDAS is having no trouble filling the schedule.
 - i. Medic School- One staff member started classes 1/5/26. Discussed Governor Evers passing Senate Bill 182 (An Act to create 38.04 (9m) and 39.378 of the statutes; Relating to: emergency medical services education, tuition and materials reimbursement for emergency medical responders and emergency medical services practitioners, and a live 911 pilot program) and how that can help our staff and service. Managers are researching how this process is being handled. Questions posed: Does student have to be employed/sponsored to be reimbursed? If GDAS sponsored employees, should they have to sign a contract to ensure commitment? A contract was previously drawn up where GDAS would reimburse an employee. Cable Lions Club provided a donation to apply to training/education that can apply to employee's room/board when travel is necessary for class.
 - ii. Paul Popelka will be starting Critical Care Training – GDAS covers that thru North Central Tech (\$504).
 - b. **Equipment** -
 - i. Handtevy mobile – Anthony Lang stated Handtevy came and did a demo. This product is to help EMS in the field with all aspects of patient care to relieve staff in high stress/late night situations. Logs info

quickly/easily. Takes our protocols and integrates into the system to reduce paper. It can feel like having another paramedic/partner with you; provides another safety check. Price is based on Run#'s. FAP funds could apply cost.

- ii. Motorola Radio Grant – Anthony Lang stated this is a PRIORITY and will have to be implemented in the next TWO years. We'd be going from WISCOM1 to WISCOM2. Bayfield County is a daily user. Grant is 80/20 split. 2 radios can be upgraded now; at least 10 radios are needed, if not more (20-25 for everyone). May 1, 2026 start date in the Southeast of the county to work out bugs first. Anthony Lang should know by April 26, 2026 what the cost should be.

c. Trucks

- i. Remount - Board approved truck cycling plan previously; Unit 4 can be taken anytime – 16 week turnaround. Priced out a Type 1 remount/most basic. \$115,364.15 for brand new chassis. Power loader and cot will be taken from Unit 4 and put into Unit 5 to put in service. New cot is a certified return that is universal for all trucks. \$47,000 added to price. Total \$162,364.15. The total is half the price of a brand-new truck. It comes with new grill guard, high-tech mirrors and graphics included in price. Monica Bigo offered to drive truck to Indiana to save on costs. Would like to send it by 3/1/26 (after Birkie). **MOTION** to approve by Dave Hanks. **MOTION** seconded by Dale Ahlvin and carried.

d. Station

- i. Generator for station – Amanda Chaon researching FEMA grant to assist in purchase.
- ii. Heating – Living quarters heat not working; Arch Heating & Cooling indicates we need a new motherboard for furnace. Being installed on Friday.
- iii. Electrical/Maintenance – One of the overhead drop cords/outlets to charge trucks, keeps popping. Jamie Holly advised getting electrician to come in sooner rather than later to avoid a possible fire.

4. Financial Update –

- Amanda Chaon presented 3rd Quarter report and 4th Quarter draft
 - a. **Superior Choice Credit Union 6-month CD** - Amanda Chaon renewed CD but opted to switch to 13-month CD to keep the same interest rate we had. Board agreed on this change.

- 5. **Update Resolution** – Jamie Holly said to remove item for the time being. Will revisit later.
- 6. **Review By-Laws** – Jamie Holly said to remove item for the time being. Will revisit later.
- 7. **Review Job Descriptions** – Jamie Holly said to remove item for the time being. Will revisit later.
- 8. **CLOSED SESSION:** MOTION by Ron Gran and Dale Ahlvin to go into Closed Session at 5:48pm pursuant to S.19.85(1)(c) of the WI Statutes for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The board will reconvene in open session to take necessary action as required and resume regular town business.

MOTION made by Ron Gran and seconded by Dale Ahlvin and carried to reconvene to open session at 6:46pm pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c)(d) to take any necessary action as required and resume regular business.

9. **Set Next Meeting** - Monday, February 9, 2026 4:30pm.

Items moved to February:

- Decision on Handtevy mobile
- FEMA grant for generator
- Senate Bill 182 reimbursement process

10. **Adjourn** – Jamie Holly adjourned meeting at 6:49pm.

Minutes Presented by: Amanda Chaon, Great Divide Ambulance Business Manager