



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 15, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Eagle County Health Service District occurred on December 15, 2022 at 3:00pm at 1055 Edwards Village Blvd., Edwards, Eagle County, Colorado, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

The following Directors were present and acting:

Janet Bartnik
Dan Smith
Lynn Blake
Jack Eck
Scott McCorvey (virtual)

Eagle County Health Service District Staff in attendance in-person:

Brandon Daruna, Chief Executive Officer
Jim Bradford, Chief Operating Officer
Alice Harvey, Community Health Manager
Dana Query, IT Systems Administrator
Michelle Gennett, Human Resources Manager
Jenn Cooley-Follett, Accounting Clerk
Claire Davis, Community Paramedic
John Farris, Community Paramedic
Grant Middlebrook, Paramedic

Eagle County Health Service District Staff in attendance virtually:

Will Dunn, Chief Clinical Officer
Sarah Braucht, Office Coordinator
David Miller, Community Paramedic
Amelia VanDyke, Paramedic
Suzanne Ewing, Paramedic
Christopher Ewart, Paramedic

Public in Attendance:

John "Chip" Woodland
Bob Cole of Collins, Cole, Flynn, Winn & Ulmer (virtual)

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CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Eagle County Health Service District was called to order by Mr. Smith on December 15, 2022 at 3:00pm noting a quorum was present.

GRATITUDE & POSITIVE PATIENT EXPERIENCE

Mr. Daruna commented that today is Ryan Bush's last day and thanked him for his nine years with the District and most recently as the Operations Specialist. Mr. Smith noted that he has heard good things coming from Vail Health regarding Will Dunn and Alice Harvey.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Ms. Bartnik to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED to approve the November 17, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes and November Monthly Expenditures.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Impact Fee Discussion -

The Eagle and Gypsum Fire Protection Districts conducted an impact fee study which is required every five years. Mr. Bradford is looking for direction on how to move forward with collecting impact fees not only in the western end of the valley, but district-wide. Ms. Blake asked if Eagle and Gypsum Fire Departments collect impact fees and Mr. Bradford responded that they do. Previous to the ambulance district merger, WECAD in the western end of the county collected impact fees, but it was not carried forward after the merger for an unknown reason. Mr. McCorvey asked why the District didn't pursue collecting impact fees in 2017 when the last fee study was conducted? Mr. Smith replied that the fees are typically used to build new stations and at that time, no new stations were needed. Mr. Bradford explained that impact fees can be used to expand and improve stations, not just build new ones. Mr. Cole stated that impact fees are of limited use for capital improvements to serve increased demand and he believes the fees collected must be used within five years. Ms. Blake asked if the fees can be used for capital expenditures for employee housing? Mr. Cole said he would have to look into that. Mr. Daruna explained that the District will have to go in front of each municipality to gain approval for them to collect impact fees on the District's behalf with an intergovernmental agreement. Mr. Cole stated that the District can implement impact fees in jurisdictions who are willing to work with the District, so it doesn't necessarily need to be all or nothing. Ms. Bartnik asked if impact fees can only be used in areas where the funds are collected? Mr. Cole will have to look into it but he thinks the District can use the funds across the District and it all depends on how the intergovernmental agreement is worded. Ms. Bartnik is concerned if a municipality waives impact fee collection when making a deal with developers. She is not opposed to implementing impact fees, but she wants to see all sides of the situation. Mr. Smith noted that the opportunity has already passed to collect impact fees for the large Haymeadow development in Eagle. He thinks the District is better off not collecting impact fees. Ms. Blake is not opposed to collecting impact fees, but she is not sure how much money could be collected. Mr. McCorvey noted that other growth will happen

throughout the valley and he thinks it is worth the work to collect impact fees for the District. Mr. Eck commented that the county is only going to continue to grow. Mr. Cole said the next steps are to present intergovernmental agreements to the jurisdictions throughout the county and they will have to amend their land use code to adopt the impact fees for the District. The IGAs will come back to the Board for approval. Mr. Daruna said that development is going to happen whether the District collects impact fees or not, so the District might as well participate. Mr. Cole noted that WECAD (Western Eagle County Ambulance District, prior to the merger, did collect impact fees in Eagle and Gypsum. The Board directed Mr. Daruna to pursue the implementation of collecting impact fees in jurisdictions throughout the District.

ACTION ITEMS:

2023 Billing Rates -

Mr. Daruna presented a recommendation of a 12% increase in billing rates to better align with other regional agencies. Mr. Smith asked if there is a special rate for skier transport to Vail Health? Mr. Dunn responded that customers are billed at the regular rate if they need ambulance services. Otherwise, Vail Health has a "fracture taxi" for less complex skier transports. Mr. Smith asked if there is a local's discount, and Mr. Bradford answered that WECAD did offer a local's discount but it was lost in the merger. Mr. Cole said it is legally allowable but not advisable. Mr. Smith suggested that locals ride for free. Mr. Daruna said that it is hard to make an argument to increase fees more than 12%.

Ms. Bartnik made a motion to approve a 12% increase in District billing rates effective January 1, 2023. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED to increase in District billing rates by 12% effective January 1, 2023.

UPDATES:

Executive Report -

Mr. Daruna said that the hospital in Lake County is having financial troubles, however Ski Cooper is in the District's response area. They met with the Board of County Commissioners and the hospital is financially stable for the time being.

Finance Report -

Mr. Daruna said that a bond came due three weeks ago and District staff decided to add a nine month ladder to appreciate more cash. Ms. Ross is working on end of year numbers and the District currently has 310 days of operating cash available.

Community Health Report -

Ms. Harvey will present to the Board at the January meeting an end of year recap with possible funding sources and a status of discussions with Vail Health. She noted that there has been an upward community trend with drug overdoses.

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Clinical Report -

Mr. Dunn is always impressed how well the District's crews respond to complex calls and this past weekend was no exception. Ms. Blake said she would like to see a CARES report at the January meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Smith made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute §24-6-402(4)(c), C.R.S., Matters required to be kept confidential by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Ms. Bartnik seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Board entered into Executive Session at 3:58pm.

The Board reconvened at 4:18pm

Ms. Bartnik made a motion to approve charitable write offs as recommended by staff. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Eck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED to adjourn the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2022 at 4:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary for the Meeting
Sarah Braucht

Approved: Board of Directors








