



**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTHERN NYE COUNTY
HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

101 Radar Road, Tonopah, NV 89049

February 18, 2021

5:00 PM

Speakers in attendance

Chairman Tim Gamble
Vice Chair Don Kaminski
Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Maslach
Trustee Patty Browning

Lobbyit Max Perkins
Biowerx Dr. Russel Pillers
REMSA Kevin Romero
Karmin Greber
Horace Carlyle

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

-Pledge Recited-

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item (first).

Karmin Greber: "Good evening, I wanted to make mention that I've been in contact with affiliated therapy. They contrary to whatever the rumors are, they're not closing at all. But their provider is moving his family back to Idaho. So I have inquired if they expect to request the house for their next provider. And they are going to get back with the board along those lines. So it would just be another lease agreement. But at any rate, just want to let you know that I've been in contact Sean Hastings is the one who I've been in contact with."

3. Approval of the Agenda for February 18, 2021.

Item 5 Removed

Chairman Tim Gamble: "I motion that we approve the agenda for February 18 ,2021. With the removal of item number five."

Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Maslach: "This is Nancy and I'll second that motion."

Motion Passes 4-0

4. Announcements (first)

-No Announcements-

5. For Possible Action – Emergency Items

-Item Removed-

6. Trustees’/Liaison Comments (This item limited topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas)

Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Maslach: “For Open Meeting Law, I spoken with Nye admin and they plan on still not definite, this is a few days back for that training, good review the laws or regulations and etc, possibly just to be that everybody would be notified. But she definitely wanted to reconfirm that we were all aware that they plan on having a couple more, and then your future too, because just the way I think things have been going in everything, that it's going to be hard for them to get all the people that they want to come to one particular one.”

“Also, I just thought I'd take a quick review real quick here. Just a couple of things that were on here, that you might find it interesting, as we all need to be minded at the intent of the Open Meeting Law is it's a public body, which is possessed to aid in the conduct of the people's business is the intent of the law that their actions be taken openly, and that their deliberations be conducted openly. And NRS 241.1010. And then I want to skip down here. This is defined as the gathering and members of a public body at which a quorum is present to deliberate for a decision or to take action in any matter, over which the public body has supervision control jurisdiction or advisory power. And we're getting back NRS 241.015. And a quorum of public body is a simple majority of the membership of the public body unless a different proportion is established in law, according to NRS 241.015. And so in our case, we have five members, then that means that the members which constitute a quorum, and the last sheet I have here is action, or the decision or commitment or promise made by a majority of the members present during the meeting of the public body, present physically or electronically in attendance. And NRS 241.015.”

GENERAL BUSINESS

7. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to nominate and vote for District executive officers for the calendar year 2021, including Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Maslach: “For officers from the trustees, if quorum is present, the trustees will make nominations for new trustees. Anytime after at least one trustee has been nominated. We close all that. So I can see I think as I was kind of looking for that one, he just couldn't, you know, that vice president would move up. And if they didn't want to, and then we'd have to, you know, go through that process. Or, I suppose, of course, and then just doing my everybody's like the duties of the chair, are is to preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees act as the official representative of the board. Whenever interaction with government officers, departments or agencies, other organizations, or the public is required. The chair is the authorized representative for executing and delivering all contracts and other documents approved by the board that will bind the district. He or she may appoint other trustees or designee to perform these duties as needed. They will coordinate and be responsible for the execution of all programs, projects or other activities approved by the board, except in those cases where another trustee or committee of Trustees has already been appointed for that purpose. And somebody here is reviewing all annual audits and monthly financial records, including monthly reports

on the status of the annual budget provided by the Nye County Treasurer's office, and by the District Secretary Treasurer. And I think they need to be updated. But that's what it has to do with that data for tonight's benefit.”

Chairman Tim Gamble: “If I understand that correctly, and I'll you lost me for a few but basically, the Vice Chairman, you at this particular point, is basically the option at this point. You either can step up into the chairman's position and or you can ask for that to be filled by somebody else. That's kind of what I heard.”

Karmin Greber: “If I may, the Vice Chair is the acting chair in lieu of a chairman. So necessarily, the board needs to have the opportunity to reconsider who they would like to be chairman. And subsequently the other officers, it doesn't appear to be a prerequisite that all of them need to be reappointed. But it is a formality that should be followed. As far as the open the availability to all trustees, to nominate and to select different officers if they want Currently, the Secretary is in place the Vice Chair is in place. There's an absence for the chairman. So you are the chairman but that doesn't mean anybody has voted for you as chairman. So it's a point of order. Recommended that you go ahead and just follow the form and function doesn't have to go lengthy, but your call that's how we have proceeded in the past.”

Vice Chair Don Kaminski: “I have two people that are already appointed positions myself vice chair and Nancy as secretary treasurer. We do need to fill the chair. I do not necessarily want to move up into the chairman's spot. I tried to say this before. I am busy. I'm a chairman on another board. And I've got quite a bit going on at range or my work. would either one of my other two trustees here. Want to volunteer to become chair.”

Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Maslach: “I'd like to nominate Tim Gamble.”

Trustee Patty Browning: “I'll second that”

Trustee Patty Browning: “I'll make a motion to close nominations.”

Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Maslach: “Ill second.”

Motion Passes 4-0

8. For Possible Action – Appointment of the Supervisor to oversee District Staff.

Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Maslach: “As Chair is that something you're wanting or anticipating doing? Yeah, I'm or not necessarily. You have not I was happy because the secretary treasurer and you know just cause on at all she's very easily worked with.”

Vice Chair Don Kaminski: “I've got no problem with Nancy being supervisor.”

Vice Chair Don Kaminski: “I make a motion that we appoint Nancy Maslach as the supervisor to oversee our district staff.”

Trustee Patty Browning: “I'll second that motion.”

Motion Passes 4-0

9. No Action – Presentation by LobbyIt of Washington D.C. of all recent activities performed on behalf of the District in accordance with the Contract for Federal Government Affairs Services as approved by the District

on September 17, 2020.

Max Perkins: “This will be much shorter than my last presentation two weeks ago. First of all, I want to cover what's happening in Congress with the next relief package. As many of you know, the new democratically controlled House and Senate have decided on the budget reconciliation process as the mechanism by which they're going to pass President Biden's \$1.9 trillion relief package. The house is already well underway in this process. Each committee has already reported out the spending amounts and the policy provisions that they each individually handle, those individual packages now have to be sent over to the House Budget Committee, where it will be packaged as one document, passed out of the committee sent to the house for for a vote, it will likely pass on a party line vote meaning all democrats will support all republicans who oppose and then off to the Senate, it goes and when it reaches the Senate, it's likely to change in shape and size as bipartisan negotiations continue to occur behind the scenes. So there's a lot of a lot of thinking here in Washington that the size of the package will be smaller than 1.9 trillion, though not as small as the \$650 billion package that senate republicans recently put forward. I do want to note a couple of items for the board that I think might have a direct impact on on the clinic. First of all, there is a there's going to be another tranche of funding for the health provider Relief Fund, which is the funds that HHS and Treasury are jointly managing goes to health systems and health providers to help support their bottom line, while operations are stunted due to the public health emergency. There's there's also although it's not in the house version, right now, there's a lot of talk in the senate about adding a 20% whorls set aside mandate for the fund this time around. You know, that obviously would be important as I think more dollars are and it's certainly a different formula dollars would flow directly to rural health clinics. And if you know your operating partners haven't really received any work a lot of fun, it's really fun to begin with there, there may be an opportunity to grab some additional dollars, if and when that 20% rule set aside gets passed. The second item out of the package and I think is of note is that we're for the first time in any of the Coronavirus relief packages passed by Congress likely to support a dramatic expansion in the public health workforce in the country. Right now that house proposal has \$8 billion dollars that would go to states and nonprofit hospital systems and local health departments to hire and train and employ public health officials, staff and other positions that are quote of need in order to respond to the pandemic. These will be flexible, fun, you know, and I think if there's a need in the community, or or there's the capacity to bring on some additional staff, via your operating partners, you know, I would suggest that the board look into it. There'll be a ton of money when this thing gets passed, which we're thinking is probably sometime around mid March. And and again, I think this is going to be the largest single investment and public health workforce. Think that the country has ever undertaken. So this is really meant to expand the capacity on the ground for folks that are on the frontlines and a great opportunity to potentially expand something or resources as well. Moving on to the FCC. You know, as many of you know, we submitted an application through Dr. pillars to the connected care pilot program which is designed to support broadband deployment to to healthcare entities to help with connected care during the pandemic and after.”

“I briefed the board two weeks ago that the FCC had only announced a small handful of projects as of the end of January, that still stands. No, no additional projects have been announced for funding. As you know, as a reminder, this program was allocated \$100 million of which I think only 50 was doled out. In the first tranche of projects, there's a hefty balance there that the FCC is going to have to get out. We're checking our sources with the FCC and with the congressional delegation to get a better understanding of when some of these announcements might come out. But there is no word just yet. on separate but related note with the SEC, the board at the FCC just voted the other day to extend the application window for the World Health Program, which actually has two sub programs to it. But the world program, you know, again, could be a second bite at the apple for us. If for some reason our connected care program, application isn't selected for funding, the Rural Health program could could do similar work. And so I think it would give us enough time. Since the application window has been pushed back to June to the end of June, it could possibly give us enough time to resubmit an enhanced application or an augmented application to bring broadband to the hospital and clinic campus. Next, the EPA I have reconnected with Seattle regional staff. You know, you'll recall that it was suggested to us due to the the last relief package being passed at the end of December and the administrative switchover that congressional staff suggested that we wait a little bit to get in touch with EPA, as they were dealing with some of the more immediate programmatic concerns on their plate. So I have touch base, again, via phone conversation with the same staff that I spoke to you at the end of the last year. Their guidance to me was slightly different this time than previous conversations. They are suggesting at this point that that the county be the entity that has to submit the request for a federal funding summit, but that it can still be held in

northern nine county and so held on a regional basis. This is this is different than the guidance that I was given before that they thought the hospital district could be the requesting entities, and that was a public entity. So it's a little bit of a curveball. But I think we could still work within these, you know, this new guidance with new parameters. My recommendation would be twofold at the moment one, we should probably immediately coordinate with the county to ensure that they're willing to submit the request and then to just to make the VA feel that much more comfortable about organizing the summit, we should probably reach out to some other entities, both governmental and nonprofit in the northern county words and county area in general and try and drum up some some interest in some, you know, some soft compensations on participation, just so that we can show the FDA that this is you know, worth their time. As a reminder, this initial funding summit has to be done on a regional basis. And there has to be regional participation. Once projects are identified through this regional summit, then the VA can drill down and work with their other federal agency partners to drill down into specific projects. And that is again our hope that once the regional summit occurs that we'll be able to drill down and get some direct assistance from the EPA to assist in moving the hospital project forward. The last update before I'll pause and take questions is a new Defense Department program that is gearing up for an application window. It's called the community infrastructure pilot program. This is a pilot program that was authorized in the 2019 national defense authorization bill which is the annual legislative vehicle for defense policy. The first year of funding was in fiscal year 20."

"That was a \$50 million pot of funds. This is a program that the Secretary of Defense controls and it funds projects, as its name suggests in communities that are adjacent to military installations. The use of funds are pretty wide ranging from transportation projects to healthcare projects to schools, libraries and other activities. There is, there is a provision of law that stipulates that the entity receiving the funds must bring 20% matching funds for for whatever program is to be funded, that is the waived in law if you are deemed to be in a rural community, which tonopah. And the district would certainly be defined as. So this would be a really great opportunity to sort of add on top or add some supplemental funds to to the hospital project, or any other project of need in the area. So we'll be talking to the Defense Department in the coming weeks, I've already organized some support from the congressional delegation to to get us to the right officials at the office of economic assistance underneath the secretary of Defense's office. So we're well on our way to organize the income support there and give you a better understanding of timing and what projects might might become eligible or allowable under the program. And we'll keep you updated on our conversations with the Defense Department on that. And those are my updates."

Chairman Tim Gamble: "When we were talking about the Rural Health dollars that were coming to, for public health is going to be in addition to the large grants that some of the states have just received to add visa doctors into the rural areas, or is that totally separate program?"

Max Perkins: "Yeah, it'll be a separate program when It pass in mid March, is this is a central pillar of the Biden administration's response to the pandemic. They want to pour as much money as they can into frontline health care workers to build up capacity for testing, tracing, administering vaccines, assisting with other public health duties, so this will be something that's brand new when it when it gets passed."

Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Maslach: "When we talked about the jeweler meeting, virtually with Senator Catherine Cortez master the House Ways and Means Committee, live with your staff. That following week, I believe it was and we probably talked about that. And then he here went on to say we have to you have to get his feet in horse food. And Senator Jackie rice and various other government opposite is just still part of me. And then he went on to say he is good at the federal level. They didn't just come from our local senators or people that are on these committees or anything that you are aware."

Max Perkins: "Yep, we had some really great discussion. Oh, yeah, I believe. So. Carmen, a griever. was on the line. Our duties as chair back on that conversation, as was Emily and Dr. pillars. We spoke."

Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Maslach: "Yeah, but anything Currently, we were kind of apprised of all the data and information. But what is going to be concurrent? Like right up to date here in February. Have you heard anything current besides effective?"

Max Perkins: “Yes, I should have made more clear. In my conversation at the top there about the world set aside for the for the health provider really fun. That information came directly from Rosen's staff and Cortez Masto says they are pushing hard for the 20% set aside, but again, they're to have to have 100 senators that that will be working for that money. So yeah, they are aware of, you know, aware of the issues. They submitted letters of support to the FCC for our connected care pilot program after we spoke to them in November. So you know, that they, they're right there with us.”

“And actually, Dr. fillers and I will be speaking with Congressman Harford's new healthcare policy assistant on Monday, Monday afternoon. She is, she's a replacement for the woman who left at the end of the year to join, join me by mid administration. And so this will be, I think, a good introductory call. She's a, she's actually worked in Congress before she works for a member from the South Florida area. So it'll be quite an education, I think, for her to get used to some of the dynamics and some of the issues that are facing ny county and specifically the district as opposed to her previous work. But yeah, we look forward to connecting. And again, one of the things that we want to do is to set up a direct conversation between the board and Congressman Horsford. This is just the first step in that process.”

10. No Action - Presentation and monthly report by Dr. Russell Pillers pursuant to the professional services agreement entered into on October 25th, 2018.

Dr. Russell Pillers: “So let me first apologize for no slides this this meeting, I had full intentions on getting those done even with my my broken wing. But the CDBG application, getting that finalized, which happened today, officially, Wanda-gobbling all my time. So I wasn't able to get Melissa my slides in time. So forgive me for that.”

“So we'll start with the design build competition for the construction of the new hospital, if you all remember. So we've down selected to the three, that design build teams that we want to invite to what we're calling phase two and phase three. And that is basically where they will put in all the effort to do enough design work to be able to come and propose to you folks how they would intend to meet the needs that they've that we've outlined in the preliminary architectural report. So keep in the back your mind, once we fire those teams off to actually start building their proposal. They'll have 30 days ish to do it. And it will be very expensive for them. So this is a cost that they will encumber that can be upwards of \$100,000. So we want to really make sure we have our ducks in a row before we we fire them off, because that's asking them to commit to quite a bit. So we've put that process of getting them started on hold while we move forward with what we call the examined financial forecast. I've told you all about that. So what's happening right now is basically what USDA said at first was they said we are they recommended we had to have a examined financial forecast done before we pick a team. Well, I've learned that USDA can do it differently. As far as that doesn't necessarily have to happen first and it is by far in the best interest of the district. If you pick the design, build team and their associated design before you have examined financial forecasts done, because what'll happen if you don't, the CPA firm doing the forecast will essentially go out and do their own design of your hospital. Because they have to decide how many beds predict how many patients, what kinds of services, things like that. And that's all happening outside your control, then they're going to come back and based on what they've done in that arena, will tell you, yay, barely, you can afford X amount of dollars to do this project. It's obviously more complicated than that. But that's kind of gets the point across. So what we'd like to do is have your design build team that you would select, say you want team x, well, that means you like the direction that their their design is headed, they've given you essentially a cost of what that's going to cost. Now, the examine financial forecast can actually analyze a project that you've approved of. Okay, so with all that being said, I have a question back to USDA, here in the state, so Miss Cheryl couch, and asking her to make a final determination. So with some extra logic that I offered her, similar to what I just described to you, too, get their feedback on what they what they would recommend to us, because obviously, at the end of the day, we will do what USDA tells us because we don't want to get out of their track, right, we don't want to get across purposes with USDA. But we do want to run it by them to to do it with this method that we've been told is possible. They just need to, you know, give us the approval. So I'm waiting to hear back on their decision on that. So from a high level perspective, that design build competition is on hold. While we while we wait to hear back now, as far as the examined financial forecast, I went out and I have three proposals back from various CPA firms that were recommended to us by USDA, actually, they gave us a huge list. And I found three firms that were willing to give us a proposal. And you'll see we have an agenda item number 11 to actually go over that my plan was to have those analyzed and make a decision to recommend to you which one of those firms, we could move forward with that forecast. But again, the CDBG took all my time and I wasn't able to, to get to that point. So we will, I will

have that ready for your next meeting. But we're still, you know, even if I was able to give that to you tonight, we would still need to wait and hear what USDA is guidance is on that before we would really move forward. Now the costs just to you know, control everybody's expectations. Those three proposals come in somewhere around 50 to \$85,000. For that examine forecast. So it's from what I hear I haven't actually seen one, but they're extremely large documents at the end reports. And what we've done, I think I mentioned to you briefly is we're going to whoever we pick will break it into two stages. So the first stage will be just the basic analysis where they say yes or no, whether it's financially realistic for you to move forward at constructing this new hospital, or B, it's not if they come back and say it's not. That's the end of it. So that's there's so let's say just for for grins, let's say that the bid you pick is \$60,000. Or the proposal, well 25,000 of that, maybe just for that, that first phase to decide to help you decide to go forward or not. So you don't have to pay the second part if that, you know, the numbers just aren't right, then you save that other, what \$45,000 or so, or \$35,000. So, so whoever we pick, I have it structured that will do it in two phases, and they all agreed to do it that way. So let me pause there and see if anybody has any questions. That was a lot already.”

Vice Chair Don Kaminski: “So my understanding is, we're gonna hold off, moving forward with this Examined Financial Forecast until we go and get a proposal from one of our three companies. And so we can pick which one we want to move with that through.”

Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Maslach: “Ideally, that would be, again, I think that's in your best interest. So now, the good news is, is that those things can happen in parallel if, if USDA agrees to our recommendation, and we, so we go, we take the month, let the design build teams come up with their proposal, they come back, they give you their proposal, you at that point, we could actually start. So before they even give your proposal, if the financial forecasts we can fire them off to get you through phase one, to you know, find out if it's even financially possible, right. So these two tracks are going in parallel, then once you have your team picked, assume we make it that far, and from what I'm hearing. So just to kind of make sure that's clear. I'm not hearing anything, from any of these firms that I've talked to, that the district wouldn't be able to afford, what you're what we're what we have envisioned, they've worked with people and much worse financial situations than then you folks, and they've been able to make it happen. So I'm not too concerned about that. But then we would pick the team. Now, that's where the great part happens is your design build team works directly hand in hand with that CPA firm to get your forecast nailed is accurately based on? You know, the truth is as you can so to answer your question, yes, we would wait. Thank you.”

Dr. Russell Pillers: “We had to do the bid process for the examine financial forecast the same way we did it for the design build team, that's a big project, we have to publish it. And we would do that through the county and it's a So what they did is they gave us the freedom that I can essentially run my own proposal process. So which I've done so they just want to see at the end of the day on this, they want to see proof which I will give them that we we accepted multiple proposals fair and open competition. And then we decided on the best proposal that we have. So what I will do at the end. So if all goes well by next meeting is I will give you I will tell you that three, I will give you the basic information of what their bid was maybe some of their qualifications. And I will recommend one to you that I think is your best bet based on what I've learned and and then you'll be able to vote on it. So again, it's it's always up to the board, how to move forward. I'm just going to try to do the heavy lifting and save you some of that work on choosing can every one of these teams or the CPA firms is from the east coast. I don't know why. But it just it worked out that way. So I obviously have no personal interest in any of this. Okay, so let me move on to the next one. So max mentioned the FCC connected care program. We received a notice a little ways back that they wanted last meeting we mentioned that they were looking for some additional information which is always a good sign that they haven't kicked us to the curb automatically. So I've been working with them to get them. It actually turned out to be quite a bit of information they wanted lots more information about demographics of the area, low moderate income veterans percentage of veterans. Things like That. And so I was able to, to wrangle all that up and get that submitted. And then they also wanted more detailed financial information, which was a little confusing, because as part of the original application, we had submitted the, I believe it was the July. So now your most recent audit, but the one right before that. So we submitted that. And for whatever reason, I don't know why they said that wasn't enough. So I submitted your most recent audit. And I've told them, you know, please let me know how that is not enough. And because that should show, right to the nitty gritty what your financial health looks like. So I believe I've gotten them everything they need. But that's

an ongoing process. So they send me a note through their portal. And because it's all online course, and I get them new information. And that's moving forward. So any questions on that?"

"Okay, great. So then the next one is the CARES act. So you remember, we're going after about \$800,000, in cares Act funding. And that was supposed to be? Well, it was originally on the agenda. It was item number 37. on the agenda for the commissioners yesterday, and a little ways into the meeting, I was informed that they had pulled our agenda item. So again, I don't know why they've done that. I don't know if it was because Mr. Gabor if he had sponsored that agenda item, and he wasn't available. I don't know if that's why Samantha Kramer is still helping me figure out why they called it. It's, we're just, you know, all we do is do the best we can and keep moving forward, how they, they guide us. So I'm ready to defend that, you know, that asked that we have in front of them as needed. So whenever that happens, so any questions on that?"

Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Maslach: "Any reason why that was done? Or did you inquire from those who put out the agenda? Or were running the chair of that meeting? What caused that to happen? If it's just a year ago?"

Dr. Russel Pillers: "Yes. As soon as they did it. I asked him. I pushed maybe even a little harder than I should have to try to find out why. Because it's obviously a little concerning. We'd like to get that nailed down, whether we're going to get all of it a portion of it, none of it. Because that's going to affect I think how we these new opportunities for cares Act funding that backs mentioned, the status of this one is going to dictate, I think, how we move forward because you can never ask for the same money twice for the same thing. So we don't want to wind up in that position. So if it does matter, but no, I have not. I was told they will inquire and let us know."

Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Maslach: "Well, yeah, that is disappointing, because it is so critically important, just as you've just iterated and spoken that it's very important. Well, thank you."

Dr. Russell Pillers: "The next one is the CDBG. So again, if you remember way back, so we submitted in October, went through a bunch of gates to get things approved and the the county picked us there was only two that they were going to sponsor our hospital demolition project and one for the town of tonopah. Another one, so then our, the deadline was, it's technically tomorrow. So that'll be what the 19th but the way this works is technically the county is submitting an application on our behalf. So we found out on Friday, that all of the material had to be in to Samantha on Monday. So both Chris Wilkins and I thought we still had till Friday, tomorrow. And you know, as per usual, we find out we have no time at all, so was a big push early this week and over the weekend to get everything. So just for reference, if you were to print out this application, with all associated attachments, you're probably in the three to 400 page range. It's it's a huge application, and you have to jump through a myriad of hoops. And I believe we did, I was able to get it all done. At some point, I can try to get you all copies of it, it would bore you to pieces. But basically, again, what we're doing is we're asking for just under \$700,000 to demolish the old hospital. Now, how that will wind in, you know, thread in with our design build competition, we can work on that as we go, we just need to make it past this step to get the get the application in. So again, it all looked good, I think they had that we had to have a quote, which I was able to get that along with all subtasks and a pretty definitive schedule. So in our schedule, I had to mark it as like start date start date plus 10 days, plus 15 days, because we don't know when it will start. I could probably throw a dart at the board and pick a quarter when we think that demolition would start, but I sure don't know, the date of when that would start. So if you hear anything back, that's why we had to had to schedule it that way. But that should be alright. Okay, any questions on that?"

"So the last thing I have is on the dental opportunity for the clinic. Where that stands right now I've been working with Dr. chaparro. And Tom Vallas, your legal counsel. So the big step the ball is in our court right now. Document documents wise to get that lease defined. And I just heard from Tom, earlier today that he will he's anticipating having that to us tomorrow. So we should have a lease you can look at. And I know Dr. Chaparro, on her end is getting all their ducks in a row to to get going. So as far as I know, everything looks healthy on that project. And we just got to get this lease put in place before everything can start. So any questions on that or anything else?"

Vice Chair Don Kaminski: "Russell for our newest member, can you explain what EDA is?"

Dr. Russel Pillers: "It's the it's basically a summit. So its Economic Development Authority is who who will put this together. Basically, the idea is if we get the right interest, let's say so let me let me work on the model we had

started with where it's basically in Northern Nye County oriented opportunity involving the county now makes my head spin a little bit on how we'll make that work. But the idea was the district we would work with, say the town of Tonopah, Nye County, any other entity in the area that's trying to do good things. All right. So whether it's economic development, or providing services, anything like that, and we we, we together as a group, we approach eta, and ask for the summit. If all goes well, let's pretend COPPA doesn't exist. They would very likely various federal agencies that are selected by EDA. Well, Max will probably smack me for saying it this way. But basically, FDA would come and listen to our hopes and dreams. So the district would present something that we would like to do for healthcare, the town would present something they're hoping to do with x and ICC would present theirs. So then I think what they would do is eta would look at all of those ideas, then go back and select the specific federal agencies that need to hear about those that could possibly help with those. Then there's a second event which I'm gonna forget the acronym it's like an RF G or I don't know if Max is still on the line. He's probably in bed by now. But but there's a second phase where Those people would then come and hear specific proposals. So it's a, it's a really neat opportunity max found for us to put our because obviously, I mean, I don't want to speak for anybody but I know Tonopah, we can feel like the rest of the country has no clue who we are, let alone the federal government. So this is a neat way for the government to get a really up close picture of where Tonopah could use some help. And so really, the key thing is, is it's not just the district, it needs to be the coalition sort of now, with this shift, needing to run it through the county, we're going to have to wrap my head around that and work with Max and figure out how we make that work. So it doesn't become a Pahrump oriented activity, that it's a, you know, Northern Nye County oriented activity as much as possible. But I guess, ultimately, as long as even if it is something for the entire county, as long as we get our voice heard, you know, that's that's the main thing. So, yes, that explained it enough for you.”

“So any other questions? Let me let me throw one more thing in here. I wanted to mention really quick. So in it, it came up in the CDBG application is one of the slots required that we had three public meetings where the idea of CDBG was discussed. So the they had some pretty specific guidelines. I saw later way after we had had any of those meetings. But basically, we needed to show that the public had seen that you were going after the CDBG funds. So I knew that there was at least two at the county level. So the commissioners it was mentioned in two of those. And I knew there was at least at least one where I mentioned it in my meetings. Well, it turned out that the month where I knew I mentioned it, the minutes didn't capture it. So I looked at my slides. And I know I talked about it. But the minutes just kind of glossed over and said Dr. Pillars gave an update of his activities this month. So there was no detail about what I had actually talked about. So unfortunately, we're only going forward with to two meetings where it was discussed. I have my fingers crossed. I think Samantha may be able to back me up Samantha Kramer if if we have an issue. But I just wanted to bring that to your attention that. And I know, I know, I've heard everybody discuss the getting the minutes done has been a heavy lift. So I'm definitely not pointing fingers or anything. I just wanted to let you know that that turned out to possibly be an issue.”

Vice Chair Don Kaminski: “Could we not with the minutes say that we'll attach the slide presentation you gave and that constitutes what you talked about, and use that.”

Dr. Russel Pillars: “I thought the exact same thing done and I'm ready to do that if they come back and say there's not enough. So as we sit here tonight at 6:04pm. Everything's locked, right. So the applications locked. But they would easily be able to come back and say, well, just because it was on your slide doesn't mean you actually presented it. But I do think I just have a hunch that it's not going to be a big deal now for comes around that it turns out to be a big deal. I'll have to eat Crow, but I think we may be okay.”

“I know they are not. I think Samantha actually clicks the submit button tomorrow. So I will get ahold of her first thing in the morning and ask her if I can add those slides as as evidence of that that meeting. Thank you.”

Horace Carlyle: “According to the ag of Nevada, the controlling document is your audio. That supersedes written minutes.”

Karmin Greber: “I can clear this up real quickly. This was the meeting that the Pahrump server was down. And we have no audio or video for that meeting. I was literally writing notes shorthand, and had to coordinate with Lorina and Melissa, to get approval to be able to understand how to capture that data. So I apologize for the brevity. But there was a bazillion points. And it was literally from your slides. But unfortunately, the one meeting in four years that we had nothing digitally based. So there's no recovering from that one. They either take it or

leave it with what we have.”

11. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and deliberation to accept, amend and accept, or deny the recommendation by Biowerx Consulting as to selection of firm to perform the ‘Examined Financial Forecast’ required by USDA.
-Tabled for next meeting-
12. **No Action** - Presentation by Central Nevada Regional Care of their January 2021 reconciliation package and reports pursuant to the professional services agreement entered into on January 17, 2020.
-No representative in attendance-
13. **No Action** – Presentation and discussion by Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority of their December 2020 reconciliation package and reports pursuant to the professional services agreement entered into on December 20, 2017.

Kevin Romero: “Before you is the monthly report for December 2020. The monthly invoice came in at \$34,087. Moving on to the paramedic responses, we had a total of 51 responses in December. That was one of our highest which was in February of 2020. Typically, December is a pretty busy month with all the holidays. We had a total of 16 transports. We did not have any transports to CNRC. See in the month of December. I will note that we did have continued to have missed opportunities there where we did attempt to transport but we're unable to do so no provider during that time. So just know we continue to attempt to keep those patients over here in Tonopah. We did not have any community paramedic visits in the month of December. I do believe we just entered one patient into the referral system for that. So I think that's going to change for at least this month. The nurse helpline had nine calls with eight that went to protocol recommendation. Our satisfaction remains excellent. And we only had one clinically indicated pediatric review with no cardiac arrests in the month of December. So that is great. I also wanted to remind the board that this report closes out 2020 and I'll begin to prep the annual report with information here shortly and so you will get that update soon. I also am glad you're with for that, I was able to meet with Senator Cortez Masto. Yesterday regarding her co-sponsored Senate Bill 149, which addresses funding has been in place, including telehealth during this public health emergency. We also discussed Rural Health and the 2018 Bipartisan Budget Act that pays modifiers for rural and super rural. I know you don't do the billing, but this should be something that this board is aware of, you know, the modifiers are very important. They're due to expire in the year 2022. So we were getting her push for a five year extension, through that senate for a Senate bill that extends that those modifiers, which is important to your community. The senator also want to speak in regards to treatment in place and telehealth, who is acutely aware of what you have going on and going upon what we do in Tonopah. And so we always update her on that. And that meeting went very well. And we continue to push forward with all the great innovative things that we're doing. So with that, I'll take any questions from the board.”

“There's about 10 CMS professionals. From the Nevada Ambulance Association, that met with her and discussed, really, it was really tailored towards treatment in place, which I've spoken about plenty in regards to the 83 project that started in the urban areas, January 1, and it's going fairly well educating the workforce and our attempts of using treatment in place and transport to alternate destinations which we've become used to and tonopah but not used to in the urban environment. So that's new to the blokes in Reno, but it is going very well. And obviously a lot of these things will affect what happens in Tonopah. And we look forward to continuing our efforts and hopefully get Tonopah on board with et three, as CMS expands that to the rural communities and we will help this community achieve that as well. So thank you.”

Trustee Patty Browning: “Those patients that you could not take to CNRC? Do you track time a day? Do you track severity of patient? The stuff that surrounds that situation? It may seem rare, but it could be a growing trend, and we need to keep track? Keep an eye on that.”

Max Perkins: “Yeah so we do track it. I would say that I've asked all of our staff to email me when we have a refusal of acceptance on a patient to CNRC and the reason why. And then I can go back and I can look up the electronic patient care record and see ultimately it ends up in a transport to you know, another facility. So that is definitely tracked. The majority of those are lack of provider. And as you know, CRC has, you know, made this board aware

of the fact that there's been struggles with that for good reason. So but you know, that is tracked, it is growing, but that is you know, that is a correct statement. And we do have some missed opportunities there and stuff that we can improve on.”

“I could essentially report that there was a refusal and the reason why.”

Trustee Patty Browning: “And that would be perfect, because there may be times where a refusal is appropriate for that care, you know, I mean that that can happen where in rural, it's medicine, crazy things can happen. But when it's because there wasn't a provider, I think that's something that we need to just kind of keep an eye on. So I would like to see that. Me Myself.”

Max Perkins: “I would recommend that rather than it be part of the report, the monthly report itself, that we just report on that. And so what I can do is just report on occurrences or I can send that to your administrator there, my county or not your administrator, your Melissa. Perfect monthly, I could send a report to her monthly in regards to that. Unless you would like it directly in the monthly report that is up to the board. And you know, I'll take recommendations on that.”

Chairman Tim Gamble: “I think in all honesty, if we just kind of got it as an update, maybe like a newsletter, and you can send it into Melissa, it doesn't necessarily have to be for discussion or deliberation. It can just be information. Like we get from Max, everywhere. He sends us stuff every week and happening. So if you have some incidents that you just want to report to us every once in a while, and it's not for anything else other than what happened. Yeah, I think that would be fine.”

14. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation of the minutes from the [August 13, 2020](#) special meeting and the [October 2, 2020](#) special meeting.

-No October Minutes attached-

Vice Chair Don Kaminski: “I make a motion that we accept the minutes for August 13, 2020 special meeting as presented.”

Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Maslach: “I'll go along a second so they can get this taken care of and get posted.”

Motion stands 4-0

15. No Action – Presentation of Monthly Financial Summary Report for fiscal year to date revenues and expenditures.

Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Maslach: “I can make a comment here, that we actually in some ways are kind of out of compliance, because we had approved as a board to pay for tickets, you know, for getting back in what was it? I don't know, March of last year, is what I think my records had shown. And the letter that was the last one that I saw, for a blanket, you know, approval for him to go ahead and advance and pay these before they were approved. But we really need to get that updated. So that Melissa, you know, the board. So possibly, that's something that the chair it if you let us know, if you want me to work with her in writing that letter, or if you want to do it to him or whatever. But I saw where that needed to be updated. So we could be in compliance with paying our bills with the current person that they're authorized to do such. for Item 16.”

16. For Possible Action – Approval of invoices for payment.

Karmin Greber: “You have a letter authorizing prepayment of utilities only. It is used strictly for NV Energy that is power for the hospital and power for the maintenance building. That's the only power we pay. But because of their pay schedule, they end at a time we were doing one meeting a month, which fell too late to get the check cut. I don't recall, I didn't remember that it was designated for Justin specifically. Certainly, that can be addressed. But that's the only one we have that references a prepayment, nothing to do with our purchasing card.”

Chairman Tim Gamble: "That is what I thought, it was something similar to that. So we can look at that and see if we have to update that next time."

Vice Chair Don Kaminski: "I'll make a motion to pay the invoices as presented."

Trustee Patty Browning: "I'll second that motion."

Motion Approved 4-0

17. No Action – Open Meeting Law review.

Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Maslach: "Okay. In reference to NRS 241.035. Records required to keep written minutes and audio tapes for each meeting must be available for public inspection within 30 working days after the meeting, and approved within 45 days after the meeting or at the next meeting, whichever is later. And of course, occasionally there's extenuating circumstances back. But all we really need to make that the current ones available and forth, when it says enforced by the Office of the Nevada attorney. General, any action taken in violation of the open leaving is void. Okay, so we are just getting compliance. And I'm sure it's just been like that. And then that was it taken them to. Perfect."

18. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (second)

-No General Public Comment-

19. ANNOUNCEMENTS (second)

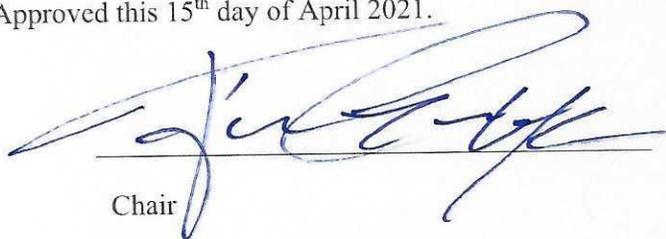
Vice Chair Don Kaminski: "I would like to make a couple of changes in the way things are reported to us. I love REMSA's way of reporting what their what their billing is and what their cost is. I'd like to see CNRC see if it's not violating their contract. I want to I like to see what their cost is to run the clinic per month, and what their billing and then are supposed to be paying. I think the difference. Right Karmin? Our contract with CNRC."

Karmin Greber: "Currently CNRC is not required to take advantage of any of our subsidy, they have the option to request subsidy beginning again at their calendar year, which is March 2. So at that time, they are eligible to request up to 75% of our revenues from the prior calendar year. So that's the dollar figure that we can consider. And they can request any actual changes in their reporting would need to be made with their business office directly and coordinated. There are no restrictions that our agreement with them is very fluid. We can navigate whatever the two parties agree to concerning reporting, the monthly reporting, everything that's in here is exactly what was negotiated a year ago when Justin sat down with them to make sure that we got the data we wanted. So certainly that can be revisited. Thank you."

20. ADJOURN

-Meeting Adjourned-

Approved this 15th day of April 2021.


Chair

