

Sublette County Rural Health Care District  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
March 26, 2020

**Venue:** County Commissioner's Room, Pinedale WY

**Trustees Present:**

Wendy Boman, Chairman  
Bill Johnson, Vice-Chairman  
Tonia Hoffman, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mike Pompey, Trustee  
Marti Seipp, Trustee

**Call to Order:**

Ms. Boman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Set Agenda:**

**New Business**

Sublette Center MOU  
SCRHCD HSA Policy

Mike Pompey made a motion to set the agenda, Marti Seipp Seconded the motion.

Wendy Boman asked Dave Doorn to address the MOU

Dave stated that one of the big questions that we had was what would the USDA do with an application that came in before the vote? Dave had a meeting on Tuesday morning with Lorraine and a couple of her employees there at the USDA. He found out that they can go ahead and apply when our PAR and financial forecast are complete and we can either get an approval or a disapproval. Then when the hospital district gets voted in, they can switch the ownership name on the paper. In a nutshell he said we found out that we can move ahead with no problems.

Mike Pompey asked if we can start spending money on different parts of the project.

Dave said that we will have to wait for our loan approval.

Tonia Hoffman commented the thing that she took most from the meeting was the financials but also how important the support of the Sublette Center and Commissioners and Towns and those entities were to our entire project in regards to the USDA Funding.

Dave agreed that Lorraine made that very clear a number of times throughout the meeting.

Mike said that letters from those entities showing that support will help as well.

Wendy asked if everyone had a chance to read the new MOU and is everyone good with it and wondered if we needed to make a motion to approve it and sign it tonight?

Tonia made a motion to approve the MOU as written here and move ahead in this process, Bill Johnson seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Bill stated that this is a big moment for the Rural Health Care Board. He then made a motion to apply for a 23 million-dollar USDA loan for the construction of a new hospital for Sublette County. The loan application and paperwork need to be sent in by next week, the proposed deadline being no later than April 3<sup>rd</sup> which is Friday.

Bill wanted to comment that Lorraine told him at least twice to send in what we have and just keep going with it.

Dave confirmed that they have sent her the draft par and financials, so we have started that process and we will move as fast as we can bill.

Tonia was a little unclear as to the amount of 23 million. Because it doesn't really speak to our PAR. She asked bill to explain a little further.

Bill went on to say 18-20 million is what we have come up with on the floor plan so we chose 19 million. It will probably take more than 4 million to finish, the financing, all the costs, furniture and equipment, but he also thinks that they have potential of donations. Lorraine has expressed her opinion that it needs to be less than 25 million because that is what was proposed last time. Bill said that he feels more comfortable with 23 and make it work otherwise.

Dave said that it is a moving target because he doesn't know how things are going to come in. Dave said he spoke with JD yesterday and he was hoping with everything going on that some of our costs could come down a little bit with the oil prices coming down the way they are and we won't find out those numbers until we go to bid.

Mike went on to say that we do have some funding in reserves that we can tap into if necessary. He thinks that some of the discussions as far as donations apparently exceed a million dollars?

Wendy is unsure of a dollar amount of donations committed but she does know that the Foundation is working on it. Exact numbers are not known. She did say that potential donors might be waiting on us to approve the MOU and make a motion to go ahead with the hospital. She is then hoping that the donations will start to come in.

Mike said that there has been some concern about people that want to donate and ensure that we have an affiliation with some organization to help manage the hospital. Like some other hospital organization like Jackson or Idaho Falls or the University of Utah which will be a necessary requirement for the loan.

Wendy states that they are working on Requests for Information to send out to the various possible hospitals.

Tonia stated that it looks like we have some avenues for fundraising which was her initial concern.

Dave stated that his gives us a starting point, this is good information to go back to the Green River Valley Foundation with, this is what the community is looking for is the cooperation between the Sublette Center and District.

Wendy stated that the motion has been made to go ahead and start the financing process, Mike seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

Wendy stated the second item under new business – RHCD HSA policy

Dave stated that our deductible went up a little bit and the policy asks that our HSA match equals 1 employees deductible. It went up from \$104 to \$107.

Marti moved to accept the change in the HSA policy. Bill seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tonia, mike seconds the motion, unanimous approval.

Adjournment: 5:10pm

Minutes taken by Emily Ray

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Wendy Boman, Chairman

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Dave Doorn, Administrative Director