



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

**101 Radar Road, Tonopah, NV 89049**

**March 2, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

**Speakers in Attendance**

**Chairman Don Kaminski  
Vice Chair Tim Gamble  
Secretary Treasurer Cheri Harper  
Trustee Patty Browning  
Trustee Nancy Maslach**

**Horace Carlyle – Public Member  
Dr. Russell Pillers**

**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).**

Horace Carlyle (Verbatim)

“To the Medicare proposal, you have stabilize and transport and the subsidy of \$3 million. Just having that the traumas in the area would not there's no payment for an in-house service. A clinic that we could use the \$3 million to do something to supply nursing, to supply additional services through contract with a clinic and we would be able to otherwise have a steady income other than the Medicare plan. Currently, we're spending millions of dollars. I just looked at the \$2 million that magically appeared that I can't explain. Because you will receive in tax of approximately 168,000/165,000 spent everything but about \$55,000 of it. So your cash balance was \$2 Million of that \$56,000. Okay, so maybe we've been magical thinking. You know, I thought about what we have here. We have the answer to everything we need and we make money doing it. We have a vice Chair that the hospital district paid to get certified to manage rural hospitals or rural things. All we have to do is if he's willing, is to employ him and rather than all these contractors, he could control that if we get the funding and stuff and set up to the requirements. We have a provider under Frontier that's willing to cooperate with us and help you get all the things you need. The reason I don't bother Mr. Gamble is because I think he's valuable. Other than that, I would have been on his ass years ago. Okay, now he's, we have everything we need. We don't need anybody else. We don't need to pay \$8,000 a month for bullshit contracting. That's \$96,000 a year that we every time we turn around you guys are burning money. And we are never going to be able to operate a hospital. Another business is for sale down by Shell, we've lost over 30% of our population, because we're sitting here feeling good, because we're going to have a hospital that you can't even pay to operate. You couldn't, you know, I mean, I'm not trying to be critical. But we all live and die together. And I'm not going to sit back and support something where we would have, within three years, we would have a clinic that would have to pay \$300,000 Because they're losing money. That's money in your pocket.”

**3. Approval of the Agenda March 2, 2023. (Non-action Item)**

Agenda approved

**4. Announcements (first)**

Trustee Maslach read aloud an email from the Board Administrative Secretary;

Good morning Trustees,

As you may have noticed, the audits for all Nye County agencies utilizing Eden for financials, including NNCHD, are held up due to the OPEB – Other Post Employment Benefit Report. That being said, there will be no available documentation to approve during your special meeting this evening and the finance team will need to apply for another extension.

Thank you,

Melissa

Trustee Maslach shared this email because she wanted the public to know why the special meeting was canceled.

**5. For Possible Action – Emergency Items**

No discussion

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

Chairman Kaminski shared that the Board is waiting on their budget and need to make plans moving forward after it is received.

**7. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation of the minutes from the [January 19, 2023](#), [December 1, 2022](#) and [December 21, 2022](#) District Meetings.**

Administration would like to make an edit to the attendance of Trustee Maslach on the January 19, 2023 meeting minutes.

Trustee Browning motions to accept the meeting minutes from December 1, 2022, December 21, 2022, as presented and January 19, 2023, with the amendment that Trustee Maslach was absent.

Trustee Maslach second’s motion.

Motion passes; 5-0

**8. [No Action](#): Presentation and monthly report for Biowerx by Dr. Russell Pillers pursuant to the professional services agreement entered on October 25th, 2018.**

Dr. Russell Pillers gave an update of the current initiatives that are being worked on by Biowerx. Initiatives included: Progressive Design Build process, WipFli, environmental/regulatory guidance, USDA collaboration, EAPC – criteria architect, Care Model Consultant, Demolition Update, Dental, and DoDCIP 2023.

Trustee Browning asked how long it will take to receive the Examined Financial Forecast from Wipfli if the Board approves their phase 2 proposal.

Dr. Pillers replied that he would have to re-look at their engagement letter to confirm but he thought it was 6

months.

Chairman Kaminski asked Dr. Pillers when the Board will get to see the Criteria Document.

Dr. Pillers responded that the Board will see it as soon as it is out of Draft. Nothing will move forward without the Boards review and approval.

Chairman Kaminski asked Dr. Pillers if it would be more efficient for the Board to see the Draft and make recommendations prior to it becoming a final document.

Dr. Pillers explained that “The Team” would hate to have the Board spend time reviewing items that may change. The documents at USDA are the time limiting factor right now and having the board review the Criteria Document early would not affect that timeline.

Chairman Kaminski responded that he was hoping that the board is included as a team member.

Dr. Pillers assured the Board that when the Criteria Document is presented to them, it will come early enough that they have time to review it and make any comments or changes.

Secretary/Treasurer Harper requested to see the documents as they are being worked on so that the Board and Trustees can see what kind of work is being done, rather than just seeing a slide show on it.

Vice Chair Gamble shared that the Board can see these documents but its not going to mean anything to anyone until the team has had an opportunity to play their part. The Board wants to make sure that all of the documents look the same prior to becoming a public document and creating problems.

Dr. Pillers shared that having Vice Chair Gamble attend all of the team meetings has been excellent and that he is doing a great job acting as the Boards “eyes and ears” to make sure that the team is getting things done. Dr. Pillers reinstated that there is a risk with presenting an incomplete document to the Board and public, as it may be evaluated in a sense that it was never intended to be.

Vice Chair Gamble shared that per the Board request, all documents receive legal approval prior to being presented to the Board.

Dr. Pillers shared that no documents go to the Boards legal counsel (Tom Vallas) without a trustees approval.

Secretary/Treasurer Harper asked Vice Chair Tim what training he has received.

Vice Chair Gamble stated that he received 36 weeks of training from Rural Hospital Chief Executive Officers. This program provided training through operations, finances and all the aspects of rural health care operations.

**9. [For Possible Action](#) – Approval of invoices for payment.**

Administration provided an explanation for the Oasis invoice.

Secretary/Treasurer Harper and Vice Chair Gamble if the EAPC invoice is a good representation of the work they have been doing for the Board.

Vice Chair Gamble confirmed that it is.

Trustees discussed the need to discuss concerns about the Boards Legal Council (Tom Vallas)

Trustee Browning mentioned to accept the invoices as presented and pay the bills  
Trustee Maslach second’s motion.

Motion passes; 5-0

**10. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (second)**

Horace Carlyle (Verbatim)

“Melissa, I forgot to do this to my original my first comment tonight, please put that in verbatim. Secondly, I'm going to order seven audio copies of this meeting, please let me know as soon as possible I can pick them up. Thirdly, I want to clarify just so you know, I believe in being transparent, I'm going to try to educate the federal and state level of what's going wrong here. I did it back in 2016. I tried to resign from the Town Board. At that time, I had a gag order on me because the town management and staff didn't follow the directions as voted and approved by the Town Board. I was under a criminal investigation for violation of Open Meeting Law. I had a gag order on me. Subsequently, after I resigned, I put together a 120-page document, sent it to Heller, Sandoval, multiple other state and federal agencies. And I got a response from Sandoval and Heller. They put the new Hospital District on tax watch for approximately three years. They didn't really cure the problem. This paper that was just published last week in this town, about what went on with negotiations and what all this wonderful stuff is, two and a half million dollars. I don't have time to clarify all the bullshit. But the point is, I just want you to know I got a response. I document everything. That's why I'm getting audio. So, I'm requesting my comments right now at verbatim and in the agenda. I will use all this information and all the documentation you've furnished yourselves for trying to get an investigation because what I believe is its criminal misuse of public funds. Thank you.”

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS (second)**

Administration recommends that the Board discuss plans for the house they own on Central St.

**12. ADJOURN**

03.02.2023 Meeting Adjourned

Approved this March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023,

  
Chair