

SEELEY LAKE-SWAN VALLEY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2010

In Attendance

Trustees: Jeff Aresty, Twyla Johnson, Mary Ann Morin, Karen Pratt

Board Clerk: Marty Kux

St. Patrick Hospital representative: Jim Gillhouse

Seeley Swan Medical Center representative: Eric Edwards

Absent: Marianne Judge

Call to Order

The regular monthly Seeley-Swan Hospital District Board meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jeff Aresty at 6:23 P.M. at the Seeley Swan Medical Center clinic.

Public Comments

None

Old Business

- 1) Minutes from the January 11, 2010, regular Board meeting were unanimously approved.
- 2) Property tax update: Board Clerk Marty Kux will contact the Montana Dept of Revenue to request guidance regarding exemption from real property taxation when and if the SSMC clinic is operated by a non-profit entity.
- 3) Cindy Gallea reception: Held Thursday, January 28, 2010, at the clinic, this event was well attended by community members. Aresty requested that the Board members give him their thoughts on a farewell gift for Cindy.
- 4) Wilma Nicholson memorial: Aresty showed the Board the engraved plaque honoring Wilma. He will locate it on a wall in the waiting room, together with the photo and news article presently on display in the conference room.
- 5) Local Students enrolled in Health Care Education Programs: no potential health care education students have been identified. This will be re-visited if and when appropriate.
- 6) Trustee Election: Kux announced that incumbent Trustee Marianne Judge has filed for re-election to the seat she now holds. If no one else files, there will not be an election and the County Commissioners will declare her elected by acclamation.

New Business

- 1) SSHD Financials: A financial statement reflecting the December, 2009, income, expenses, and account balance was unanimously approved, as were checks to Blackfoot Telephone for the February loan payment, to Caron Corporation for the December tax levy payment, to Valley Bookkeeping for January services, and to the Seeley-Swan Pathfinder for the first of two election notices.

2) SPH Report: Gillhouse reported that two nephrologists have transferred from Western Montana Clinic to SPH. They remain in their office space in the Broadway Building. He also announced that the International Heart Institute will be holding the annual Heart Expo at SPH on February 20, 2010.

3) Clinic Financials: Gillhouse provided a statistical "dashboard" report for clinic activities in 2009 and January 2010 as well as financial summaries for the same time periods. Income for the past two months is down because credentialing for reimbursement for Eric Edwards as the new provider has yet to be finalized. Realized income will increase when this occurs.

4) Management Report: Gillhouse reported that a female Nurse Practitioner may soon be available for appointments possibly one day/month at SSMC. The necessity of having a medical doctor available to prescribe home health care was discussed. Gillhouse will attempt to arrange for Edwards to develop a relationship with an MD for this purpose. It is possible that SPH itself will directly lease and operate the Seeley Swan Medical Center as of January 1, 2011.

5) Quality Improvement: No report.

6) Chair Report: None

7) Practitioner Report: Edwards reported that the EKG and X-ray equipment were both briefly inoperable during the past month, but now repaired and operating again. Gillhouse announced that there will soon be a capability to transmit X-rays immediately to a radiologist.

8) Growth Strategy Committee Report: tabled until next meeting.

9) Communication Committee Report: tabled until next meeting.

10) Other/Board Forum: None.

Next regular Board meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2010, following the Seeley Swan Medical Center (501c3) meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

ATTEST:

Chair Date

Clerk Date