

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NORTH PARK HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Date/Time: February 5, 2026 at 5:30 PM
Location: North Park Baptist Church, Conference Room, 492 Garfield Street, Walden, CO
Zoom: Meeting ID: 821 0647 7311 Passcode: 591111
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1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Attendance

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Park Hospital District was called and held, as shown, in accordance with Colorado law. The following directors confirmed their qualifications to serve on **the Board**:

Naida “Tootie” Crowner, President
Marie Stiles, Secretary
Justin Franz, Vice President
Danny Manville, Director
Mike Suska, Director

Crew and staff present:

Tim Demoret, Secretary to Board
Jim Rizer, Crew Supervisor
Becky Rizer, Admin Supervisor
Cheryl Franz, EMT
Aleigh Shoemaker, Paramedic

Monica Love, EMT
Michelle Richard, Billing Clerk
Kenny Juranek, Driver
Shelly Juranek, Driver

Member of the public:

None

b. Declaration of Quorum

Ms. Crowner noted that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order.

c. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

The Board reviewed the agenda for the meeting, following which each Board member confirmed they have no conflicts of interest.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After reviewing the proposed agenda and upon the motion of Ms. Stiles, seconded by Mr. Manville, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented and with no changes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Becky Rizer reported that Fire and Ambulance worked together to save a life a few days ago.

Cheryl Franz expressed gratitude for the Christmas certificate.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Crowner reviewed the following matters on the Consent Agenda with the Board.

- a. Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2025, Regular Meeting (enclosure)
- b. Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2025, Special Meeting (enclosure)
- c. Approval of Financial Report for quarter ending December 31, 2025 (enclosure: Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss, Transaction Log)
- d. Approval of 2026 Resolution Designating Location of Post Notice (enclosure)

Upon the motion of Ms. Stiles, seconded by Mr. Suska, the Board unanimously approved the Consent agenda.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Annual Scholarship Policy Review (enclosures: 2026 application, 2024 Resolution)

Mr. Demoret reported that the scholarship process is underway. We officially have two \$1,000 scholarships available, but we can change that if necessary. The school reported that there are only 3 potential applicants this year.

b. Ambulance Shed Phone

Mr. Franz asked if we still need the land line at the Ambulance Shed. The phone line cost \$105 per month and the internet costs \$99.95 per month. According to Mr. Demoret's research, we can save the district about \$1,900 per year by switching the phone and internet to Mint Mobile. The crew stated that the phone is occasionally used, especially for receiving messages. Ms. Stiles expressed concern over having the landline during emergency situations when the need for communication is critical and cell phone towers may be out of service. There was discussion about the availability of backup mobile towers during emergencies. The recent upgrades to the radio towers included solar and battery backups. The conversation about emergency situations turned to a discussion about a backup generator at the ambulance shed. Upon Ms. Stiles recommendation, it was generally agreed that having backup power would be a good investment.

Upon the direction of the board, Ms. Stiles is going to look into the cost of buying and installing a generator. Mr. Demoret is going to work at switching the phone and internet.

c. NPFRA Agreement Review (enclosure)

Ms. Stiles asked if we need to raise the amount we give to the NPFRA since it has been several years since it was last increased. Mr. Demoret reported that he had asked Jeff Benson if they were in need of additional funding. Mr. Benson said he would not turn it down, but they are not asking for anything additional at this time. Ms. Crowner noted that it would be good to give them a raise since the cost of everything has increased over the years.

Mr. Suska moved and Mr. Franz seconded to increase the NPFRA amount from \$18,000 to \$20,000 starting in 2027. All approved.

6. MANAGEMENT MATTERS

None

7. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES

a. Correspondence

No report

b. Admin. Asst./Secretary to Board

Update on EMS Billing

Mr. Demoret gave an update on EMS Billing. They still owe the district about \$3,900 for credit card payments they had collected and not sent to us. Since we now process credit cards ourselves, the issue is not getting worse. It will take about three more months of service from them to pay this debt off. Mr. Demoret also reported that he had done some additional research into this company. According to his research, they had declared chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2022. The paperwork from the bankruptcy showed that EMS Billing debts included over \$300,000 owed to three entities for the same issue of collecting credit card payments and not paying them out. The debt to the district was generated after this bankruptcy, showing the company had not changed any of their policies. After a brief discussion, it was generally agreed that it was time to begin researching a new billing company.

Upon direction from the board, Mr. Demoret, with the help of Ms. Richards, will begin looking into other billing companies.

c. Billing/Collections Clerk

Michelle talked to Cortez from EMS Billing and was able to setup the Wyoming system for Imagetrend.

d. Ambulance Supervisor

No report – (Jim and Aleigh were called short after the meeting began.)

e. Ambulance Crew

Mr. Rizer has been awarded “EMS provider for the year” by Retac. Some of the crew are taking Jim down to Thompson Valley EMS where he will be presented with the award on February 17th.

f. Administrative Supervisor

On Saturday, there will be a joint training with the police concerning certain drugs.

g. Medical Director

No report

8. LEGAL MATTERS

None

9. EMPLOYEE/PERSONNEL MATTERS

Ms. Crowner reminded the crew that the staff and crew need to remain professional even when using social media. She has received a few complaints recently about things written online and made Mr. Rizer aware. Mrs. Rizer reported that a recent training meeting covered this situation and the crew was again reminded of the company’s policy.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

None.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 7, 2026.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Stiles moved and Mr. Franz seconded the adjournment of the meeting. All approved.

Timothy Demoret

Secretary for the District