



2021 Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award Winner

**SOUTHERN MONO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
AUGUST 8, 2022 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** August 8, 2022

**Place:** Mammoth Hospital via Microsoft Teams or teleconference  
85 Sierra Park Road  
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Attendance of Board Members:** Laurey Carlson, Chair; Joanne Hunt, Vice Chair; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Secretary; Alec Clowes, Treasurer; David Anderson, Member at Large.

**Attendance of Staff Members:** Tom Parker, Chief Executive Officer; Melanie Van Winkle, Chief Financial Officer; Caitlin Crunk, Chief Nursing Officer; Mark Lind, Chief Information Officer; Craig Burrows, M.D., Chief Medical Officer; Sarah Vigilante, Tabby Mannerter; Slavka Crouthamel; Gardiner Miller, Ehren Goetz, Caroline Britton, Sarah Rea, Recording Secretary; David Baumwohl, Legal Counsel.

**Attendance of Guests:** Matt Jakobovits, Kaufman Hall; Richard Bernard, FM3 Research; Ellen Riley, Kaufman Hall; Rohnda Ammouri, Lew Edwards Group; Steve Sohn, Kaufman Hall.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

1. North Wing Financing Presentations:
  - a. Financial Projections and Debt Scenarios.

Melanie Van Winkle, CFO, presented the summary of financial projections and debt scenarios via Power Point. There were some questions from the Board. Melanie recommended that the Board should consider doing one of the options with \$40 million General Obligation Bond. No action needed.

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b. Community Survey Findings – Presentation by FM3 and attendance by Lew Edwards Group.

Richard Bernard, FM3 Research, presented the Community Survey Findings. Total “yes” support for the General Obligation bond was 68% and total “no” was 25%, with 7% undecided. Mr. Bernard reported that support for the measure has dropped approximately 10 percentage points from November/December 2021 to June/July 2022.

Mr. Bernard noted the following conclusions: Initial support for the measure reaches 2/3 required threshold for passage, but is soft; some of the reasons voters are more inclined to support the measure include knowing that there are strict accountability features and that it will help offer greater access to healthcare for residents; and that after hearing both educational messages and critical statements about the measure, support reaches the required threshold, but remains within the margin of error.

There were some questions and comments from the staff and the Board.

No action needed.

Richard Bernard left the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

c. Management Recommendation regarding North Wing project funding.

Tom Parker, CEO, presented a recommendation regarding North Wing project funding via Power Point. Tom Parker recommended that Mammoth Hospital put forward a General Obligation bond measure in the 2024 election to best position it to receive the needed 2/3 voter approval.

There were some comments from the Board regarding community perception of the hospital and its services. Alec Clowes had some questions about the timeline of the construction, there was some discussion about the feasibility of critical access hospitals making the 2030 seismic deadline. It was noted that the next 24 months would be spent on community education and outreach ahead of a 2024 vote. It was noted that the Hospital should be taking more credit for its successes and service to the community.

No action needed.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.