MINUTES
NORTH GILLIAM COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 21, 2026 – 6:00 pm
Arlington City Hall
500 W. First Street, Arlington, Oregon

Call to Order/– Brian Foster, Chair at 6:010 pm
Board Members Present: Brian Foster, Sherrie Wilkins, and Grant Wilkins**.** Online via Zoom- Denny Newell.
Quorum Established.
Board Members Absent: Benjaman Tucker
District Employees Present: Stacey Reding, Joanne Smith, Cathie Francis, Melissa Leon, Brandon Smith online
Public Members Present:

Consent Agenda –
Minutes – Sherrie makes motion to approve the minutes as presented, Grant seconded ALL IN FAVOR - Brian Foster - AYE, Denny Newell - AYE, Grant Wilkins – AYE, Sherrie Wilkins - AYE. OPPOSED- None, MOTION **PASSED.**

Financial Report - on Hold till next meeting – the QuickBooks was down and it's not ready – being checked by Cheyenne.

Public Comment –
The NGCHD board members will hear public comments on listed and or unlisted agenda items. Public comment is limited to (5) minutes per guest.

Department Reports
CLINIC: See attached
-Brian Froster reads an apology letter to the staff.

Clinic:173 Patients, 5 new patients, 21 days of coverage. 1891 patients for the year.

- June will be the last month of the dental coverage at clinic, no funding and not aware they could see other patients, hoping to find some funding to continue the service.
- Project Happy Face dermatology and cancer screening was a success; Amy is hoping to find some grants to be able to give back more to the community. She will be back hopefully in November.
- Eye clinic with Dr. Chown has openings for October and November.
- WIC will be here on Wednesday the 22nd.
- Evelyn is doing great at the clinic.

EMS: See attached.
17 calls, 8 Transports, 9 non-transports, 3 LifeFlight transports

- Amy Asher added to staff she comes from Sherman County. She comes with lots of experience and we are happy to have her.
- Budget recoup from last year $138,995 – and about 50% outstanding this year still to be collected

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Old Business

a. Rural Health Clinic (RHC) – sent a letter to county court for year extension – June 2026. Give us time to find full-time Provider or explore other options.
b. LifeFlight/FireMed – now completely online. - $65 a year for ground (FireMed), 140 for both ground and air transportation. Information to put out on Facebook pages, once we get it back.

c. Brandon proposal – summary with Stacey going remote and Laurel leaving the district he wants to take hands on day to day of EMS coordination, handle all EMS administration and work with all of the district to set up and prepare things like on site trainings with windfarms and other companies. He has set up a live training session with Mortensen for Aug 12. This position would make him salary, stepping into Laurels former spot and being the hands at the EMS, he is aware of the potential extra time and limits of compensation. He will be attending advanced EMT in September and moving his Paramedic classes to a different program in Idaho in February.

Sherrie motions to approve Brandon as EMS Coordinator at a salary of $76,200, with job description to be created, effective date 7/26/26. Denny seconded the motion. ALL IN FAVOR - Brian Foster - AYE, Denny Newell - AYE, Grant Wilkins – AYE, Sherrie Wilkins - AYE. OPPOSED- None, MOTION **PASSED.**

New Business

a. Waste Management – Jeff Bufton is thinking of pulling the WM appointments from clinic and moving them to somewhere else – he feels they are not getting proper care with the telehealth appointments. They bring in about $12,000 a year with physicals, UAs and hearing tests (they terminated this service the year prior) no complaints from the patients that we know of. Jeff has never brought this up to the clinic staff. Stacey mentions that it is sad that the mayor of the town is trying to take money/services away from the city he represents. She will send an email to follow up and try and set up a meeting with them.

b. Elections of new offices for board – Sherrie nominated as Chair Denny motioned to approve, Brian seconded – ALL IN FAVOR - Brian Foster - AYE, Denny Newell - AYE, Grant Wilkins – AYE, Sherrie Wilkins - AYE. OPPOSED- None, MOTION **PASSED.**

Benjamin Tucker nominated as Vice President – Brian motioned to approve, Sherrie seconded – ALL IN FAVOR - Brian Foster - AYE, Denny Newell - AYE, Grant Wilkins – AYE, Sherrie Wilkins - AYE. OPPOSED- None, MOTION **PASSED**

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Denny Newell nominated as Treasurer – Sherrie motioned to approve, Brian seconded – ALL IN FAVOR - Brian Foster - AYE, Denny Newell - AYE, Grant Wilkins – AYE, Sherrie Wilkins - AYE. OPPOSED- None, MOTION **PASSED.**

Brian Foster nominated as Secretary – Grant motioned to approve, Sherrie Seconded – ALL IN FAVOR - Brian Foster - AYE, Denny Newell - AYE, Grant Wilkins – AYE, Sherrie Wilkins - AYE. OPPOSED- None, MOTION **PASSED.**

Grant to stay on as EMS liaison, Sherrie to take over as the Clinic Liaison; no vote required.

c. Ambulance refinance – Denny wants to keep looking into refinancing because interest is really high, check into county see if they have a revenue source to help with – Grant said maybe for next year budget 2027/2028 – Brian did some checking but will continue to look into it maybe credit unions that focus on healthcare and Government finance options.

d. Grant mentioned potentially working with the county to do a Watermelon feed or ice cream social for the fire fighters and first responders to the fires and investigate something as a thank you for Stacey.

Adjournment at 7:00 pm
Executive session may be called as needed in accordance with ORS.192.660
Next Board Meeting Tuesday, August 18, 2026.
THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS THE OFFICIAL July 21, 2026_REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE NORTH GILLIAM COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SIGNING BELOW:

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NGCHD Board Member	NGCHD Board Member	Submitted by