

## SIOUX RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS

### **GOVERNANCE BOARD MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021** 

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board met in person at 1:30pm. Those in attendance included: Kim Wermersen, Don Kass, Mark Sybesma, Carl Vande Weerd, Jerry Birkey, Cory Altena, William Leupold, Mark Loutsch, John Steensma, Sherri Bootsma, Shane Walter, Sue Duhn.

#### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS-

Wermersen welcomed the group at 1:30 pm and opened the meeting.

#### 2. APPROVE AGENDA-

Bootsma made a motion to approve the agenda. Kass seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

## 3. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 21.5 (J) TO DISCUSS PARTICULAR REAL ESTATE-

Sybesma made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (j) to discuss Real Estate. Altena seconded the motion. Roll call vote to go to closed session: Kass-aye, Vande Weerd-aye, Bootsma-aye, Birkey-aye Steensma-aye, Leupold-aye, Wermersen-aye, Sybesma-aye, and Altena-aye. Those in attendance in the closed session included: Sybesma, Altena, Kass, Vande Weerd, Birkey, Bootsma, Steensma, Wermersen, Leupold, Loutsch, Walter, and Duhn. The recorded closed session began at 1:33pm. Kass made a motion to move from closed session into open session. Sybesma seconded the motion. Roll call vote to go to open session: Sybesma-aye, Vande Weerd-aye, Birkey-aye, Altena-aye-Kassaye, Bootsma-aye, Steensma-aye, Leupold-aye, Wermersen-aye. Board moved into open session at 2:01pm.

## 4. DISCUSSION REGARDING CLOSED SESSION-

Dawn Mentzer and Paul Merten joined the meeting upon open session at 2:02 pm.

Sybesma made a motion to accept the offer to sell the building to Rolling Hills. Kass seconded the motion. Wermersen asked for a roll call vote: Sybesma-aye, Kass-aye, Vande Weerd-aye, Birkey-aye, Altena-aye, Bootsma-aye, Steensma-aye, Leupold-aye, Wermersen-aye. Wermersen stated the next step in the process is for the region to hold a public hearing. Altena made a motion to hold a public hearing June 29 at 1:45pm. Leupold seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Altena-aye, Leupold-aye, Sybesma-aye, Steensma-aye, Kass-aye, Bootsma-aye, Birkey-aye, Vande Weerd-aye, Wermersen-aye. Sybesma did tell Rolling Hills the Sioux Rivers region does want to work together and provide services moving forward. Mentzer asked what the next steps were. Walter stated June 29 there will be a public hearing and a resolution, and a closing date would need to be set. Loutsch asked Mentzer and Merten if they thought Rolling Hills would accept the offer. Merten believed they would. Merten stated the Rolling Hills Board is meeting on Wednesday, June 16. Walter did state an agreement would need to be met regarding a closing date. Wermersen did receive a text from Schumacher that Emmet County was on board with this decision as well, even though they are currently not a part of Sioux Rivers. Mentzer did state their best



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option at this point is the building in Sioux City. Walter did state Sioux Rivers and Care Connections would need to work together to get the building ready.

## 5. ADJOURN MEETING-

Vande Weerd made a motion to adjourn. Leupold seconded the motion. Motion passed with all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

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