

**South County Health District  
Regular Meeting August 26, 2025  
340 Hwy 203, Union OR**

**Call to order** 4:00PM by President Susie Wirkkala

**Roll Call:** Present –Debbie Clark, Susie Wirkkala, Chris Power, Beth Callison, Gerry Zastrow and District Manager Adina Ferguson.

**Approval of 7/29/2025 Minutes:** Chris Power made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Beth Callison seconded. Vote to approve was unanimous with Debbie Clark, Susie Wirkkala, Beth Callison, Chris Powers, and Gerry Zastrow voting yes.

**Financials:** Financials were reviewed. There were no questions or concerns.

**Conflict of Interest Statements:** Per the new SCHD Ethics guidelines the following statements were made:

**Debbie Clark:** I have a conflict of interest in that our District Manager, Adina Ferguson is my daughter. I also have a potential conflict of interest in holding the purchase contract for our new clinic property.

**Adina Ferguson:** I have a conflict of interest because board member Debbie Clark is my mother.

**Tyler Griffiths:** I have a potential conflict of interest because our administrative assistant, Chystal Marks, is my fiancé'.

No other conflicts were stated.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Approval of 2025-27 lease:** District Manager consulted with attorney Eileen Eakin regarding the terms of the new lease. Eileen did not feel that there was any legal recourse for the concerns the board had if CUP was not willing to discuss or negotiate. Adina is pursuing a copy of the original receipt for the dental chairs. CUP insisted that the lease be signed by 7/29 but was willing to revisit the ownership of the chairs if proof of ownership could be found. CUP did not have documented proof that they had paid for the chairs.

Beth made a motion to approve the lease as signed by the District Manager. Debbie Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried with Debbie, Susie, Beth, Chris and Gerry voting yes.

**INFOMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**Progress on Business Oregon Loan:** District Manager Adina Ferguson shared that our engineer has submitted the plans to the State of Oregon for their building inspector to review and approve. Once that is done, the contractor in La Grande will complete an estimate for the project and we can complete the loan process with Business Oregon.

North Powder, Cove and Union Coalition progress: Debbie shared the outcome of a meeting with Assencion School Director Amy Jayne, Nella Mae Parks, Gerry Zastrow, Cherie Kausler from the CCCC had in early August. They shared what they are doing to address food security. They are focused on gathering feedback from the community at this time so they can develop a program to address the needs of Cove residents. They are interested in working with our Union group. Debbie agreed to start working on a reference for everyone that identifies what type of food resources exist right now. They plan to get together in September after they resume their community meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:02PM

**Next meeting is Tuesday, Sept 30 at 4:00PM**

### **Approval of Document by Board of Directors**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2025

<b>Vote:</b> Debbie Clark	_____
Susie Wirkkala	_____
Gerry Zamzow	_____
Vacant	_____
Tyler Griffiths	_____
Beth Callison	_____
Chris Powers	_____

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ President