

**South County Health District
Regular Meeting July 25 2023, 10AM
Boulder Market Building, Union, OR**

Call to order 10:00AM by President Susie Wirkkala

Roll Call: Present – Fred Hawkins, Debbie Clark, Susie Wirkkala, Maja LeFevre, Gerry Zastrow, Kathy Kirby District Manager Adina Ferguson.

Approval of June 27, 2023 minutes as written. Motion to approve by Kathy, second by Gerry. Approved unanimously by all six members present.

FINANCES REVIEWED. It was noted that the clinic is still paying for additional supplies and equipment needed to expand the practice, along with the salaries and benefits increases needed to get fully staffed. The good news is that our practice is expanding and we are taking in a higher percentage of traditional insurance and self-pay patients. The clinic was able to clear \$3743 after all obligations were met in June.

NEW BUSINESS: Debbie noted that there is a Board Training on August 2nd being put on by Special Districts in Pendleton. Any board members who are interested in attending will have their registration and expensed paid by the district.

CLINIC UPDATE: Adina shared that the clinic is doing very well. Dr. Donick is very popular with the patients and our new hygienist is doing a great job of getting procedures lined up for him. Summer is a bit slow with vacations. Dr. Donick will be gone for a week in August. Appointments are now a few weeks out, depending on what is needed, but we are about where we need to be busy while having capacity for new patients and urgent needs.

REVIEW OF NEW CLINIC PROJECT: Debbie shared that we were a bit surprised to learn from Nick that his timeline to get our study completed has changed due to work he is doing for other clients. Debbie has discussed the setback with Cherie who has been advising us and they agreed it was probably a good idea to start putting together the basic information about the project and available locations and do the legwork for Nick to see if we can speed things up. Adina will talk to Nick DuCote and get his feedback on what he needs from us so we can move forward.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 29th at the Catherine Creek Community Center at 10:00AM.

Adjourned at 10:52AM.