

**South County Health District  
Regular Meeting January 31, 2026  
340 Hwy 203, Union OR**

**Call to order** 11:02 AM by Chris Power

**Roll Call:** Present –Debbie Clark, Beth Callison, Chris Power, Gerry Zastrow, Tyler Griffiths and District Manager Adina Ferguson. Not Present: Susie Wirkkala.

**Approval of December 22, 2025 Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed. Chris noted an error. Motion made by Beth Callison to accept the minutes with noted correction and seconded by Tyler Griffiths. Board passed unanimously with Clark, Callison, Power, Griffiths, and Zastrow voting yes.

**November Financials:** Board reviewed the December financials and noted a strong finish. District Manager noted that Union Family Dental Clinic is starting to add more private insurance patients which is driving higher monthly income.

**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 conflict of interest because our receptionist, Crystal Griffiths is my wife.

**Meeting with CUP and GRH:** Beth and Adina shared that they met with Elaine from GRH but Nod Palmer from CUP declined to meet with them and reported that no other CUP board member was willing to take his place. There was largely discussion about the potential for securing a tax base for SCHD.

**Tax Base:** Elaine will be retiring from GRH, but is willing to continue assisting us as a member of the Elgin Health District Board. Debbie and Adina did some number crunching on possible income from the tax base and impact on our community. Debbie noted that the district would draw from properties in the Union, North Powder and Cove school districts. Due to the current assessed value of those districts, SCHD should be able to ask for a very small tax base and still be able to meet our needs. Beth and Adina are going to talk to the Union County Clerk to get more information about the process.

**Business Oregon Loan:** Adina shared that she spoke to our contact from Business Oregon. They are still processing the request and expect it to be approved.

**Grant and Fundraising Planning:** Debbie shared that she had submitted the Oregon Rural Health Incubator Grant. SCHD is asking for funding to implement an Oral Health Preventative Program using tele-dentistry technology. This would allow the staff to design and implement an individualized home care plan for patients to target home hygiene efforts that addresses their needs. Staff would provide follow-up and instruction through the tele-dentistry platform. Since the platform is secure, it will be a vital communication portal for patients where staff can share treatment plans and make patient charts

available to our patients. It will also gather vital information and data going forward that will allow us to effectively track patient outcomes and trends.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:37PM

**Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at 11:00AM**

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

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**Vote:** Debbie Clark \_\_\_\_\_  
Susie Wirkkala \_\_\_\_\_  
Gerry Zamzow \_\_\_\_\_  
Vacant \_\_\_\_\_  
Tyler Griffiths \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Callison \_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Powers \_\_\_\_\_

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