Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Del Norte Healthcare District
June 30, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.

Special Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL :**
Present: Directors Sperling, Pearcey, Vice Chair Babich and Chair Caldwell.
Late: Director Mason

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**: None at this time

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

   a. Ratification of invoices paid from 5/21/2026 – 6/24/2026.
   b. Approval of financial report for May 2026.

   Director Pearcey made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Vice Chair Babich seconded the motion.
   Motion passed: 4 – 0.

5. **REVIEW/POSSIBLE REVISION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 26, 2026, MEETING.**

   Director Sperling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Director Pearcey seconded the motion.
   Motion passed: 4 – 0.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

   a. Open Door: Shauna Burdick, We have two new locum providers that we have been able to hire until the end of the year. Hopefully they are going to love being here and want to stay permanently.

b. Sutter Coast Hospital: Ellie Popadic, We had our ribbon cutting for psychiatric assessment and healing unit and are waiting for the licensing. We have two physicians starting in the clinic and a pulmonary physician starting.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. **BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE:** (Vice Chair/Treasurer Babich & Chair Caldwell)

1. Discussion/possible approval of the invoice from Golden State Risk Management Authority for $33,603.00 for the liability premium for 7/1/2026 – 6/30/2027.

   Director Pearcey made a motion to approve the invoice for the liability coverage for the 2026 – 2027 year. Director Mason seconded the motion.
   Motion passed: 5 - 0

2. Follow up discussion/possible approval of the presentation by Eric Wier for the Beach Front Park improvements that exist for $400,000 with a request for an additional $100,000 for the resurfacing of Kid Town.

   Director Pearcey made a motion to approve the additional $100,000 requested by Eric Wier for the resurfacing of Kid Town Project. Motion seconded by Director Mason:
   Motion passed: 5 – 0.

3. Discussion/possible approval of the request by Amber Wier for the California Health Collaborative for $100,000 in general support.

   A presentation was given by Amber Wier, and no motion was made at this time.

4. Discussion/possible approval of the June 30, 2025, audit by Terry Krieg, CPA.

   Director Pearcey made a motion to approve the June 30, 2025, audit.
   Director Mason seconded the motion.
   Motion passed: 5 – 0.

5. Discussion/possible approval of the 2026 -2027 budget.

Director Mason made a motion to approve the 2026 – 2027 budget with the addition of the 100,000 for Kid Town resurfacing project. Vice Chair Babich seconded the motion.
Motion passed: 5 – 0.

B. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE:** (Director Pearcey & Vice Chair Babich
Nothing at this time.

C. **HEALTHCARE EXPANSION:**

1. Community Food Council: (Chair Caldwell & Vice Chair Babich)
Nothing at this time.

2. Recruitment and Retention: (Director Pearcey & Chair Caldwell)

a. Follow up discussion regarding the Million Dollar Mission. (Chair Caldwell)

Chair Caldwell: I have been unhappy with just the roll out of this Million Dollar Project. It should have been something that was presented in full, given reasons for why they want these things and the whole paragraph about the roll and responsibility of the Healthcare District wasn't even presented. When it was presented, it was very minimized that it was being over blown how big it was. We went to vote, but we didn't vote because Director Mason said that if we do such a thing we need an MOU for that. That was April's meeting. So, we come to the May meeting and there's no MOU and now when I got the June meeting agenda I thought there would be a whole section on the MOU and a discussion about it, but actually there is nothing in here about the MOU. So I don't know how we vote on it when none of this work is being done. So, for the first time I saw an email two days ago that apparently Director Pearcey got an MOU and sent it to Special Counsel Henion. But the problem is that no one else knows about it. So, I thought that would be a place to start, which is what do you think about it?

Special Counsel Henion: Well obviously the board needs to see the MOU in order to act on it.
Do to audio complications there was difficulty understanding Mr. Henion over the phone system.

There are concerns with the Sutter Coast Hospital MOU regarding the Stark Law and the Anti-Kickback Law. It has to do with imposing liability on the program administrator.

Director Pearcey said she had been in contact with a law firm specializing in Stark Law and the anti-Kickback Law. They were going to review the MOU and get back to her.

Monica Sperling: Dohn: If there is no Sutter Coast Hospital MOU, that we can proceed with this without any liability risk issues on your part?

Special Counsel Henion: Yes, that is correct.

There was also discussion regarding the Humboldt Area Foundation money being used for recruitment before the Healthcare District and those funds for retention.

b. Discussion/possible action regarding the "Million Dollar Mission" Program, contingent upon approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Sutter Coast Hospital and the Del Norte Healthcare District.

Vice Chair Babich made a motion that we proceed with the portion of the Million Dollar Mission that is physician related and we are putting on the back burner until an attorney can review the MOU for the A.P.C portion. The Sutter Coast Hospital portion is to be separated out until a later date. Director Sperling seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote:
Director Sperling – yes
Director Pearcey – Yes
Director – Mason – Yes
Vice Chair/Treasurer Babich – Yes
Chair Caldwell – No.

3. Mental/Public Health Updates: (Janel Obenchain)

Janel Obenchain showed the board and the public present where to find the completed committee reports on the county website.

D. HEALTH PROMOTION:

1. Swimming Programs:
   No reports at this time.

2. Non-emergency Transport/Local Medical Transport:
   Nothing to report.

8. **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Approved as submitted. There was a brief discussion regarding the rusting gutters and getting quotes to have them replaced.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

   a. Follow up discussion with Jamie Daugherty from Coastal Home Health & Hospice on the $150,000 donated by the Healthcare District for the Thrift Store building.

      Jamie Daugherty let the board know that the building at 5th & L St. (101 Laundry) has been purchased for the hospice thrift store. They are working on having the asbestos removed so that work can continue. We are looking at December 2026 grand opening.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

   a. Discussion/possible action to approve Resolution 2026-01 ordering an election, requesting county elections to conduct the election and requesting consolidation of the election.

      Vice Chair Babich made a motion to approve Resolution 2026 – 01 with the correction of some spelling on the document. Director Sperling seconded the motion.
      Motion passed: 5 – 0.

   b. Discussion/possible action, sending a letter to the Board of Supervisors supporting Gateway Education summer camp and use of county's resources. (Director Mason).

      Director Sperling made a motion to write a letter supporting Ron Cole's position in the parks. Director Mason seconded the motion.
      Motion passed 5 – 0.

11. **INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS REPORT OF ACTIVITIES:** Nothing at this time.

12. **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ANY CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** Nothing at this time.

13. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION: No closed session.

14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND REPORT OF ANY ACTION: No action was taken.

15. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Doris Hendricks

Doris Hendricks, Executive Secretary

Minutes approved by:

Dave Mason, Board Secretary