Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Del Norte Healthcare District
August 26, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**
Present: Directors Babich, Caldwell, Mason and Chair Pearcey
Absent: Director Young excused.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

    a. Ratification of invoices paid from 7/17/25 – 8/20/2025.
    b. Approval of financial report for July 2025.

    Director Babich made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Caldwell seconded the motion.
    Motion passed 4 – 0.

5. **REVIEW/POSSIBLE REVISION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 22, 2025, MEETING.**

    Director Babich made a motion to approve the minutes with one minor correction.
    Director Mason seconded the motion.
    Motion passed 4 – 0.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

    Open Door: Hilda Contreras, Informed the board that Dr. Pearson is retiring. They are still looking for physicians to recruit.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

    A. BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE: (Directors Young & Caldwell)

Nothing to report.

B. COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE: (Chair Pearcey & Director Babich)

Nothing to report.

C. HEALTHCARE EXPANSION:

1. Community Food Council: (Directors Caldwell and Babich)

   a. Discussion/possible approval of the site plan for the food HUB.

      This is a preliminary discussion of the site plan for the food HUB. Andrea explained that they are gathering information for the county use permit.

      At this point the Board has no objection to the site plan that has been proposed.

   b. Discussion/possible approval of a written agreement regarding the food HUB.

      Andrea explained that they want to sit down and have a discussion with the Del Norte Healthcare District and the Del Norte and Tribal Food Council to start working on an agreement for the logistics of building the Food Hub building are.

2. Recruitment and Retention: (Director Caldwell)
   Nothing at this time.

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

   Sunny Baker gave an update on the CHIP process. The health priority issues include access to healthcare services, mental health and child abuse. We are forming sub committees for each item. We are planning a meeting for September.

D. HEALTH PROMOTION:

1. Swimming Programs: (Director Young).

   June, July and August:
   Swim Lessons 245 participants

Free Saturday swim 706 participants
Senior passes 226 participants

2. Non-emergency Transport: (Director Young)
Nothing at this time.

8. **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** See attached report.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a. Update by the City of Crescent City (Eric Wier) regarding the pool, Beachfront Park Projects and the introduction of the new Recreation/Events Director Kelly Feola.

Eric Wier gave an update on the front street completion and the coastal trail. The city is hoping to have ribbon cutting in November for this. There has been one exercise station installed and it is getting used. Eric Wier introduced Kelly Feola as the new Recreation/Events Director for the City.

b. Discussion/possible approval of the request for funds of $150,000 from Coastal Hospice.

Chair Pearcey made a motion to move item 9b to closed session per special counsel.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Discussion/possible approval for Hi-Tech Security to continue monitoring and upgrade to the remote application option.

Director Babich made a motion to approve the monthly service monitoring, remote upgrade and fire alarm monitoring. Chair Pearcey seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 – 0.

b. Discussion/possible approval to purchase a district cell phone to connect with security system.

Director Babich made a motion to approve the purchase of a district cell phone. Director Mason seconded the motion.
Motion passed 4 – 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:**

    Discussion/possible approval of the request for funds of $150,000 from Coastal Hospice.

14. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND REPORT OF ANY ACTION:**

    Nothing to report at this time.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Minutes approved by:

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Dave Mason, Board Secretary