MINUTES
NORTH GILLIAM COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 16, 2026 – 6:00 pm
Arlington City Hall
500 W. First Street, Arlington, Oregon

Call to Order/– Brian Foster, Chair at 6:02 pm
Board Members Present: Brian Foster, Sherrie Wilkins, Benjaman Tucker, and Grant Wilkins.
Online via Zoom- Denny Newell joined at 6:32.
Quorum Established.
Board Members Absent:
District Employees Present: Stacey Reding, Joanne Smith, Cathie Francis, Melissa Leon
Public Members Present:

Consent Agenda –
Minutes – Brian makes motion to approve the minutes as presented, Grant seconded ALL IN FAVOR, AYE, Brian Foster - AYE, Denny Newell - AYE, Benjaman Tucker - AYE, Grant Wilkins – AYE, Sherrie Wilkins - AYE. OPPOSED- None, MOTION **PASSED.**

Financial Report- Benjaman makes motion to approve the financial report as presented, Grant seconded, ALL IN FAVOR, Brian Foster - AYE, Denny Newell - AYE, Benjaman Tucker - AYE, Grant Wilkins – AYE, Sherrie Wilkins – AYE. OPPOSED-None, MOTION **PASSED.**

Public Comment – Noted the zoom link has been updated as of this date.
The NGCHD board members will hear public comments on listed and or unlisted agenda items. Public comment is limited to (5) minutes per guest.

Department Reports
CLINIC: See attached
68 Patients, 5 new patients, 1 day no provider. HSA financial report not available Teresa was on vacation but it will be back next month. Evelyn Llanos is new hire and is going to attend the health care interpreter program through OSU.

EMS: See attached.
32 calls, 11 transport, 21 non-transports. Brandon back July 22 – revisit his pay status in July meeting. Lifeflight transitions are going ok, still need cards updated from FireMed. Stacey will follow up with them. Had a 2 day active shooter training with the Sheriff's department, it was a great learning opportunity. We are planning a bigger exercise for next June 2027.

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Old Business

a. Rural Health Clinic (RHC) – Spoke to Chris and she has a third party who is interested in helping out the district but would be more like a partnership. Will get more info once they call.

b. Job Posting – Still posted on sites want to see if a couple more apply and give all a fair chance.

New Business

a. Cost of living (COLA 3.5%) – Grant and Sherrie abstained from this vote and discussion except to clarify, as they have both have conflicts of interest with their family members being on the service. Denny motioned that COLA increase across the board for all current employees at a 7% as of July 1, 2026. Ben seconded. Denny Newell – AYE, Benjaman Tucker – AYE, Brian Foster – AYE. Sherry Wilkins – ABSTAINED, Grant Wilkins – ABSTAINED. MOTION **PASSED.**

b. Approve Resolution no. 2026-01 adopting the budget and imposing the tax year 2026-27. **See attached** – Sherry makes motion to adopt the NGCHD Proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 in the total amount of $1,872,859.00 and impose the taxes at $0.9425 per $1,000 of the assessed value for permanent tax rate. Denny seconded. Denny Newell – AYE, Sherrie Wilkins – AYE, Brian Foster – AYE, Benjaman Tucker – AYE, Grant Wilkins – AYE. MOTION **PASSED.**

c. Remote work for Stacey – Stacey will be departing Arlington on July 26, 2026, and plans to return in September for the annual audit and Board meeting. During this period, she will continue serving in her role remotely, utilizing District-issued technology to maintain daily operations and communication. The current plan includes Stacey working closely with Brandon and Tamara on EMS-related matters, while Joanne and Evelyn provide support for clinic operations alongside the rest of the staff. Stacey remains fully committed to her position and will continue to be actively engaged through regular communication, virtual meetings, and ongoing oversight of District activities. Board members discussed the proposed arrangement. Benjaman noted that a leadership change at this stage would not be in the district's best interest. Brian confirmed support for retaining Stacey in her current position and at her current salary. Denny added that the experience gained during the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated that remote work can be an effective and successful model when supported by strong communication and accountability. Following discussion, the Board expressed support for the remote work plan and agreed that it provides a practical and effective approach for maintaining continuity of operations.

d. Optum Contract- Dr. Mclennon is on board to help and give back to the community to help get veterans into the clinic using a third-party biller.

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Adjournment at 6.52pm

Executive session may be called as needed in accordance with ORS.192.660

Next Board Meeting Tuesday July 21, 2026.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS THE OFFICIAL June 16, 2026 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE NORTH GILLIAM COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SIGNING BELOW:

NGCHD Board Member	NGCHD Board Member	Submitted by