

**Winnebago County Board
River Bluff Board of Directors Meeting**
River Bluff Nursing Home
4401 North Main Street, Finch Room
Rockford, IL 61103

Tuesday, April 18, 2023
3:00 PM

Present:

Jim Knutson, **Chairperson**
Frank Perrecone, **Vice Chairperson**
Trent Brass
John Butitta
Jay Ferraro
Teresa Gobeli
Bernice Marinelli
Bob Nieman
Steve Schultz

Others Present:

Dave Rickert, Chief Financial Officer
Pat McDiarmid, Administrator, River Bluff Nursing Home
Mark Lofgren, River Bluff Nursing Home

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of March 21, 2023 Minutes
- D. Public Comment
- E. Discussion Item – Rebranding of the River Bluff Nursing Home
- F. Discussion Item – Administrator’s Report (Pat McDiarmid)
- G. Discussion Item – Financial Report (Dave Rickert)
- H. Establish Time, Date and Location of Next Meeting
- I. Other Matters
 - Reminder for Board Members to complete their Open Meetings Act training and file their Statement of Economic Interests
 - Tour of the River Bluff Nursing Home facility after the conclusion of the meeting
- J. Adjournment

Call to Order

Chairperson Knutson called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

Roll Call

Chairperson Knutson yes, Trent Brass yes, John Butitta yes, Jay Ferraro yes, Teresa Gobeli yes, Bernice Marinelli yes, Bob Nieman yes, Frank Perrecone yes, Steve Schultz yes.

Approval of March 21, 2023 Minutes

Motion: Mr. Butitta. Second: Mr. Perrecone.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Chairperson Knutson omitted reading the Public Comment Section of the Agenda due to no one present to speak.

Discussion Item – Rebranding of the River Bluff Nursing Home

Discussion took place on rebranding the River Bluff Nursing Home. Danielle Grindle, Winnebago County Communications Director will give a presentation at the June 2023 River Bluff Board meeting.

Discussion Item – Administrator’s Report (Pat McDiarmid)

Ms. McDiarmid gave an update on administrative operations at River Bluff.

- Discussion followed.

Discussion Item – Financial Report (Dave Rickert)

Mr. Rickert provided a Status report on high priority findings based on the Baker-Tilly Audit. Discussion followed.

Motion: Mr. Schultz made a motion to add an MDS Consultant and increase the compensation for the MDS nurse position.

Second: Mr. Butitta.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Rickert reviewed the observations and recommendations and advised the County is actively working to secure HMO contracts with the major providers in Winnebago County.

- Discussion followed.

The Billing team is in need of an additional employee to assist the Billing team.

- Discussion followed.

Motion: Mr. Butitta made a motion to request the Finance Committee to budget a position for a Billing Clerk.

Second: Motion seconded.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Rickert shared a year-to-date Budget report.

- Discussion followed.

Establish Time, Date and Location of Next Meeting

Motion: Mr. Butitta made the motion to hold the next meeting and future meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 3:00 pm at River Bluff Nursing Home. The next scheduled meeting will be on May 16 at 3:00 pm in the Finch Room at River Bluff Nursing Home.

Second: Motion seconded.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Matters

- Mr. Butitta discussed the topic of solar energy mentioned at the last meeting by Mr. Ferraro. Mr. Butitta reported the County investigated solar energy approximately a year ago for River Bluff Nursing Home, Animal Services and the 911 Building. The solar company estimated solar could replace approximately 82% of the energy costs for the three buildings. The Operations and Administrative Committee has been asked to look into this.
- Reminder for Board Members to complete their Open Meetings Act training and file their Statement of Economic Interests.
- Tour of the River Bluff Nursing Home facility after the conclusion of the meeting.

Adjournment

Chairperson Knutson called for a motion to adjourn.
Motion: Mr. Butitta. Second: Chairperson Knutson.
Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Administrative Assistant