

Butte County Ambulance Service Board Meeting
Newell Ambulance Hall
August 22, 2024

Attendance: Bob Somervold, Frank Walton, Clark Sowers, Jake O'Byrne, James Ager, Allen Youngberg, Donnie Walding, Sherry Hocking

Absence: None

Guest: None

Call to Order: Chairman Somervold called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Clark to approve the agenda, seconded by Frank. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the July 25, 2024, meeting minutes: Motion by Clark to approve the July meeting minutes, seconded by James. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial report: Jake went over the financial report with those in attendance.

Motion by Clark to approve the financial report, seconded by Allen. All in favor, motion carried.

Director Reports:

- **Newell** – For July reported 11 calls for service. The board was provided with the following requested data: mileage, Newell bank balances, and training report.
 - **NH Collection Assignments:** Will be faxed to Sherry. Once reviewed the Belle Fourche assignments will be faxed to Donnie for his review and signature.
 - **Stryker Service Contract:** Decision not to enter a service contract. Requested Sherry have a Stryker repair person come and complete any needed repair work.
 - **CHW Follow-up- Unislink billing** – Request to bring back for discussion at the September board meeting.
 - **Cardiac Ready Community** – Informational. Plan for community recognition once the sign arrives.
- **Belle Fourche** – Reported calls were up in July with a total of 80 calls for service. Responded to several motorcycle calls during the rally.
 - **Water and mold concerns:** Concern brought to the board regarding water getting into the area below the ambulance hall via the ramp and garage door area. The smell of mold and mildew is strong. The board requested Donnie begin to work on this right away. The board members were encouraged to stop by and look at the area. Donnie will keep the board informed on clean up, moving the hot water heater, building a wall and back filling the sloped area which is allowing for water to enter the lower level.

Motion made by Frank to approve the director reports, second by Clark. All in favor, motion carried.

- **Old Business** –
 - Clark communicated to the board his meeting with Thomas Worsley. Mr. Worsley mentioned having the service meet with Dr. Lassegard MD. She was a former EMT and is an emergency room physician at Spearfish Monument. Donnie will speak with Dr. Lassegard to inquire if she would be open to meeting with the ambulance board.
 - Follow-up discussion on proposed meeting with Monument Health: The board requested to table this item and bring it back to the September meeting.
- **New Business** – Donnie spoke to the board about calls they responded to prior to the start of the motorcycle rally and during the rally. They had several serious calls. He wanted the board to know that he had been contacted and received several great reports from the Spearfish ER providers on the

outstanding work the Belle Fourche Ambulance crew does. The EMS job is not easy, and it is nice to hear good reports on the work staff does. Both directors appreciate the support the board provided to Butte County Ambulance Service.

- Next meeting will be September 26, 2024, at 5:30 Belle Fourche Ambulance Hall

Motion made by Clark to adjourn the meeting, second by Bob. All in favor, motion carried.

Recorder Sherry Hocking _____