

**Montezuma County Hospital District Regular Board Meeting
EMS Training Room
December 10, 2025**

Present:

Also Present:

Brandon Johnson, Chairperson	Rob Owens, SHS Plant Operations Dir	<u>Recorded by:</u>
Gerald “Jerry” Whited, Director		Bridgett Jabour, Secretary
Sean Flaherty, Director	Adam Conley, SHS CFO	
Bob Ower, Director	Eric Croke, SHS Vice-Chair	<u>Counsel:</u>
Abby Nuetzel, Director	Joe Theine, SHS CEO	Kelly McCabe, MCHD Attorney
Scott Anderson, Director		
		<u>Excused/Absent:</u>
		Peter Rehn, Owner’s Rep

Agenda Item/Topic	Findings and Discussions	Conclusions, Recommendations, Actions, and/or Motions	Follow-up Responsible Party
Call to order	MCHD Chair Brandon Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.		
Roll Call	The roll was called by Mr. Flaherty.		
Change/Additions to Agenda	None.		
Public Comment	None.		
Consent Agenda	November 12, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes Payment of Bills	It was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. MOTION: Sean Flaherty SECOND: Abby Neutzel Motion carried.	
Owner’s Rep Report	Nothing to report; Mr. Rehn not in attendance.		
<u>REPORTS and ACTION ITEMS</u>			
SHS Board Report	SHS Vice Chair Eric Croke advised that board work has slowed some for the holiday season. Friday the 12 th is board orientation for Marilyn Justice, MD who will be		

	joining the board effective January 2026 with term-limited Shirley Jones coming off the board as of 12/31/25. The board will be holding their regular and annual meeting scheduled for next Wednesday the 17 th of December, appointing new officers. Going into 2026, the Advisory Council will be providing an assessment based on the changes under OBBBA (One Big Beautiful Bill) signed.		
SHS Operating Report – CEO Joe Theine SHS Finance Report – CFO Adam Conley	<p>Report enclosed. The Advisory Council is completing their work pro bono for SHS. They will have consultants on site for half a day on the 14th. We will provide data to them and then provide some recommendations to mitigate any calculated financial changes based on federal funding changes and contingency based planning with a focus on growth. At this time, SHS is not expecting any Rural Transformation funds in 2026.</p> <p>SHS CFO Adam Conley advised that the sales tax payment changes MCHD described in the November meeting to change the payment process by 1 month (delay) is not an issue with Vectra Bank. November financials will be presented at the January meeting when approved next week by SHS board.</p>	Mr. Theine requested participation by two MCHD Board representatives attend the initial discussion with the Advisory Board on the 14 th of January in the EMS Training Room from 8-12:30p. Mr. Johnson will coordinate MCHD attendees.	
MCHD Financial Report – Sean Flaherty Scty/Treas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2026 Budget Adoption 2026 Expenditure Appropriation 	Handouts for budget and the property assessment from the Montezuma county assessor were handed out as these were not provided to the District in time to include in board packet email.	<p>It was moved and seconded to approve the handout of the 2026-05 budget adoption resolution with totals provided in the budget presented.</p> <p>MOTION: Jerry Whited SECOND: Sean Flaherty Motion carried.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 2025-08 to appropriate expenditures as described on the 2026 budget</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026 Mil Levy Set • October Financials <p>SDA Policy Renewal</p>	<p>Mr. Flaherty reviewed the enclosed financials with the board, including reported \$178,268 in sales tax revenue. Beginning in November, the sales tax payment to SHS will be withheld until January to align financials with payments going forward as previously approved. Year-to-date sales tax receipt is a 2% increase over prior year.</p> <p>The investment move into OGXX fund as approved earlier in 2025 is now getting a higher rate of return. MCHD retains \$2m in Vectra in a money market that it was discussed that MCHD may want to move into this investment account. If additional funds are added, we can get a higher rate of return around 2% more. There was discussion on liquidity differences from money market to consider. The policy was enclosed for board review. No discussion.</p>	<p>presented. MOTION: Sean Flaherty SECOND: Bob Ower Motion carried. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 2025-07 to set the 2026 Mil Levy as presented. MOTION: Sean Flaherty SECOND: Jerry Whited Motion carried.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded to move \$1 million of MCHD cash from money market to OGXX investment to improve return. MOTION: Jerry Whited SECOND: Bob Ower Motion carried.</p>	
<p>Capital Infrastructure Committee</p>	<p>Mr. Johnson reported to the board regarding conversations he had with Mr. Rehn and plans on when and how he will participate in board meetings depending on the work underway. No additional work will be pursued at this time but will reach out as larger projects are contemplated outside of Microgrid.</p>	<p>At the direction of the MCHD board, Mr. McCabe will review the CAPM contract language and provide a recommendation on how best to extend the relationship and will provide this at the January meeting.</p>	<p>Mr. McCabe's office</p>

	<p>Air handler 4 will be installed next week and hope to have the project completed by the end of 2025.</p> <p>Phase 1 of lighting update is complete. A \$14,000 rebate check has been issued by Empire Electric and will credit the next electric invoice to SHS.</p>		
Foundation Report	<p>MCHD Foundation Representative Bob Ower reported that the Foundation has received a \$100,000 donation. The foundation is very grateful to the local donor.</p>		
<p>Optional Board Member Presentation/Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDA Overview and Administrative Assistant role • Officers Overview • Discussion on Board Meeting Dates for 2026 / Vote as bylaws require 	<p>Mr. Flaherty reviewed the enclosed SDA officers and position and duties of officers as well as a potential manager position.</p> <p>These documents are meant to be a conversation starter for the Board to review the potential need for more administrative support for MCHD work over and above what is done by Ms. Jabour.</p> <p>Mr. Theine offered discussion regarding what additional support SHS can offer based on the lease agreement between SHS and MCHD?</p> <p>It was noted by Ms. Jabour that bylaws require board to affirm and vote on meeting dates/times annually for the upcoming year.</p> <p>There was discussion by board on changing board meeting dates from 2nd Wednesday to 3rd Wednesday so all board members can attend in person and this will require bylaws amendment, to be completed by MCHD attorney.</p>	<p>Ms. Jabour to provide a list of duties provided.</p> <p>Discussion tabled until January meeting.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded to set and post the Board meeting dates for 2026 continuing on 2nd Wednesday each month at 6pm in EMS Training Room.</p> <p>MOTION: Jerry Whited SECOND: Bob Ower Motion carried.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded to rescind previous motion and change the board meeting to the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm in the EMS training room.</p> <p>MOTION: Jerry Whited SECOND: Bob Ower Motion carried.</p>	<p>Ms. Jabour will provide and add agenda item to January meeting agenda.</p>

Attorney Report	<p>Mr. McCabe advised an application had been received from a prospective board member. Mr. McCabe will forward this to all board members, and requests direction on whether the board would like this applicant to attend the January meeting?</p> <p>Work continues on the RFP for Owner's Rep for Microgrid project. Need comments back from board members so the final version can be posted in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Ms. Nuetzel and Mr. Theine offered several items to consider in the contract components for Microgrid project contract with RFP awarded entity.</p>	<p>Board directed Mr. McCabe to invite applicant.</p> <p>Mr. McCabe will send updated RFP out to board to final review and posting. Anticipate award in January or February.</p>	
Adjournment		<p>It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm. Motion carried.</p>	

Bridgett Jabour, MCHD Secretary

Sean Flaherty, Secretary/Treasurer