

**Montezuma County Hospital District Regular Board Meeting  
EMS Training Room  
January 21, 2026**

**Present:**

**Also Present:**

Brandon Johnson, Chairperson	Adam Conley, SHS CFO	<b>Recorded by:</b>
Bob Ower, Vice Chair	Eric Croke, SHS Vice-Chair	Bridgett Jabour, Secretary
Sean Flaherty, Director	Joe Theine, SHS CEO	
Abby Nuetzel, Director	Morgan Jannot, Board Candidate	<b>Counsel:</b>
Scott Anderson, Director via Teams		Kelly McCabe, MCHD Attorney
Marti Justice, Director (once appointed)		
		<b>Excused/Absent:</b>
		Jerry Whited, Director

Agenda Item/Topic	Findings and Discussions	Conclusions, Recommendations, Actions, and/or Motions	Follow-up Responsible Party
<b>Call to order</b>	MCHD Chair Brandon Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.		
<b>Roll Call</b>	The roll was called by Mr. Flaherty.		
<b>Change/Additions to Agenda</b>	Mr. Flaherty requested a correction to the total due to McCabe's office to only pay current charges of \$1481.50	It was moved and seconded to approve the change to the consent agenda total bill pay as described. Motion carried.	
<b>Public Comment</b>	None.		
<b>New Board Member Appointment</b>	The two board candidates Mr. Morgan Jannot and Mr. Marti Justice introduced themselves to the board and shared a little about themselves. The board voted by doing a silent ballot.		
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	December 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes January 7, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes Payment of Bills	It was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda with the additions noted. MOTION: Sean Flaherty	

		SECOND: Bob Ower Motion carried.	
<b><u>REPORTS and ACTION ITEMS</u></b>			
<b>SHS Board Report</b>	SHS Board Chair Eric Croke advised that there are challenges ahead that were presented by the Advisory Board on Tuesday regarding the anticipated One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB). The intent of the assessment, done pro bono, is to take an offensive approach and ensure we're looking into opportunities and focusing proactively on the best road forward continuing the mission of SHS in the community.		
<b>SHS Operating Report – CEO Joe Theine</b>  <b>SHS Finance Report – CFO Adam Conley</b>	Mr. Theine expounded on the Advisory Board work explaining that the work of the Advisory Board will help SHS find opportunities to leverage capacity utilization and growth in service areas. SHS CFO Adam Conley reported on SHS's October interim financials. Days Cash On Hand is lower with planned expenditures but is still well over 100 days as of the end of October. Mr. Conley reviewed the variances on the income statement and balance sheet, ratios and all other reports enclosed. EBIDA for Oct is \$967k/YTD \$8.427m. Financials for Nov & Dec '25 show interim statement of \$7.5m.	Much of the detailed work will be done over the next several months.  OBBB and other legislative headwinds will not have a financial effect until the 2027 fiscal year.	
<b>MCHD Financial Report – Sean Flaherty Scty/Treas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>LPL Financial Report</b></li> <li>• <b>Cash Account Review with Vectra</b></li> </ul>	MCHD Scty/Treas Sean Flaherty reviewed the enclosed investment report.  Mr. Flaherty advised he met with the Vectra Financial Advisors and review the MCHD-owned accounts. The main takeaway is that MCHD has a non-interest bearing checking account. Mr. Flaherty recommends closing that account and opening as an interest-bearing account. There is also a savings account that does not appear to be in use. There was discussion regarding the need for a	It was moved and seconded to move the checking account to an interest-bearing account. MOTION Sean Flaherty SECOND: Bob Ower Motion carried.	Ms. Jabour

	<p>savings account with the DOLA Grant funds in receipt for the fuel oil design and Microgrid funding.</p> <p>Financial statements for January were just received, but not in time to make the packet. Sales tax totals were \$167, 039.73. This payment will be cut to SHS in February to align the financials between both entities.</p> <p>Mr. Flaherty continues to Work with Danny Mozer to move the \$1m to the OGXXX account, per the action taken at the December meeting.</p> <p>Walston was not able to provide financials by the date of the meeting. This is because audit results require some reconciliation. Next month financial report will include a year-end summary of 2025.</p> <p>Mr. Flaherty stated he is looking at the opportunity to procure a credit card to pay vendors and bills for MCHD. This statement would be included in the bill pay and could streamline and improve recurring bill pay processes. MCHD Attorney Keenen Lovett stated this does not require board action. Mr. Flaherty is delegated to administer and the board has final approval on payments through the consent agenda and bill approval action.</p>	<p>Ms. Jabour will check the account number on the EFT to DOLA direction for payment and forward to Mr. Flaherty to confirm.</p>	
<p><b>LOMA Grant Letter Update</b> <b>Fuel Oil Grant Extension</b></p>	<p>Mr. Johnson reviewed the project breakdowns (handout) in capital infrastructure and overview of pending and completed projects.</p> <p>Specific to the fuel oil design project, there still remains the need to complete a geotechnical survey in order to adequately ensure the new fuel tank contemplated is properly designed from that point of view</p>	<p>It was moved and seconded to approve that a Geotech survey be completed with a cost up to \$7500. MOTION: Sean Flaherty SECOND: Bob Ower Motion carried.</p>	

	<p>The board reviewed the DOLA grant tier setup and review process, and the 50/50 match requirement. The board discussed the different components and pros and cons to the different tiers and timelines.</p>	<p>It was moved and seconded to approve Brandon Johnson to sign the letter to apply for the current Mineral DOLA grant cycle ending February 13, 2026 at a Tier 1 level for \$200,000.  MOTION: Abby Nuetzel  SECOND: Sean Flaherty  Motion carried.</p>	
<p><b>Foundation Report</b></p>	<p>Mr. Ower advised that the Foundation was able to procure \$281,000 for the year! The foundation has already approved \$168,000 for the purchase of equipment at SHS.  Additional equipment requests totaling \$94,000 continue to go through their review and approval process in the coming months.</p>		
<p><b>Optional Board Member Presentation/Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCHD Manager / Admin Assistant Job Duties</li> <li>• Start 5 to 10 year plan for the properties</li> <li>• Access to new land purchase</li> </ul>	<p>The board in full engage in discussion on the need to have more support than what is currently being provided. It was noted that this role could pay for itself if the board the right person. MCHD Attorney Keenen Lovett explained the potential pitfalls of hiring or contracting a person to fill the role and tasks being defined. Mr. Theine offered to provide SHS assistance through several different SHS departments such as IT and Accounting as examples to fulfill the needs the District might have. No formal decisions were made. Mr. Johnson brought up the need for MCHD to have a 5-10 year plan as the amendment with SHS requires. Mr. Theine advised that from that standpoint, SHS will be providing this update each May as the lease requires. The latest review occurred in 2022 to update the infrastructure needs of the full plant.</p>	<p>More details of what exactly is needed will need to be identified to determine the best course of action moving forward on how to make sure the needed work is completed.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PUD Discussion</li>   <li>• Colorado Health Institute</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Johnson advised that Karen Libsch, who owns a lot that could be used for a second egress in hopes she might be interested in trading her lot for one more centrally location in the PUD.</p> <p>Mr. Johnson wanted to make sure the new board members had seen the PUD lots. Mr. Johnson requested input and feedback from other member so the board if there are any opportunities for how to use the lots the District owns.</p> <p>Mr. Ower reported that the Republican Party is putting on a seminar with Colorado Health Institute, led by Sarah Schmitt to talk to them about how changes in Medicare and Medicaid might impact rural communities. This is scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Chamber of Commerce Building. This is a non-partisan presentation in which Bob shared that all are encouraged to attend.</p>		
<p><b>Attorney Report</b></p>	<p>Atty Keenen Lovett presented the owner’s representative Request for Proposal for the Microgrid project. Latest proposed OR is for one entity to manage the project including design and construction.</p> <p>Discussion on RFP going out to bid and discuss potential avenues based on the responses received.</p> <p>Mr. Lovett was directed to post with proposals to be due 2/13/26 as described. Questions received by 2/6. Response by from MCHD to the requester by 2/11.</p> <p>Mr. Lovett also requested input from the board on what to do with the current agreement with CAPM. If nothing is done, this OR agreement will naturally end on 1/31/26.</p> <p>Mr. Justice will go by McCabe’s office to complete application for MCHD Board to open seat.</p>		

	Mr. Lovett will reach out to the other interested person who would like to serve on the MCHD and fill the open seat to attend the February meeting.		
<b>Adjournment</b>		It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Motion carried.	

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Bridgett Jabour, MCHD Secretary

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Sean Flaherty, Secretary/Treasurer