

District Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

10/6/2026

Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Northern Cochise County Hospital District

East Wing Conference Room – 4:00 p.m.

Present:

David Miller, Chairman
Winfield Thomas, Director
Wendy Conger, Director
Carol Dunagan, Director
Gary Kartchner, CEO

Absent:

Ellen Kauffman, Director

Others Present:

Robert Clegg, Rural Executive Director of Operations
James Kraykovich, Executive Director of Finance and Facilities
Jason Zibart, Rural Executive Director of Community Health and Engagement
Michelle Pepin, Executive Assistant

David Miller, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: David Miller requested that if anyone had conflicts, they be stated. No conflicts were declared.

MINUTES

Members reviewed the June 30, 2026, District Board meeting minutes.

⇒ **Action:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2026; District Board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1. DZA Audit Presentation

2. Review and Consider NCCHD Audit Information for FY 2026.

⇒ **Action:** A motion was made to accept the DZA Audit Information. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Financial Statement through August 31, 2026

⇒ **Action:** A motion was made to accept the Financial Statement through August 31, 2026. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. County Statement through August 31, 2026

5. No Warrant consideration at this time.

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BOARD BUSINESS

1. Northern Cochise Community Hospital Report – Gary Kartchner, CEO

- James updated the board on the following:
 - New Practitioner starting in November in the clinic
 - Emergency Access Improvement Project - BABA - Buy America, Build America has a minimum of 50 tons of steel, our project is 20 tons - Looking to get a waiver to buy steel from Mexico
 - Monthly Engagement - Building Employee moral
 - Agave Café - Remodeled and is going well
 - Outpatient Nursing program is going well
 - Cardiac Rehab - still in process
- Gary updated the board on the following:
 - Rex Allen Day parade - NCCH took 2nd place
 - Upcoming Tax Elections
- Question on the taxes - James said the property taxes were down
- Question on the start time for the construction project - Gary said may take 60 days to get the waiver for the steel so should be the end of the year

FUTURE MEETING DATES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

1. Future meeting dates.

- 1/5/2027
- 4/6/2027
- 5/18/2027
- 6/29/2027
- 10/5/2027

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.