

Orchard Manor/County Farm Committee Meeting Minutes February 9, 2022

Chairman Donald Splinter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Splinter noted a quorum was present and certified the meeting was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law. Committee members present or online were John Beinborn, Greg Fry, Roger Guthrie, and Dale Hood. Grant County staff members Shane Drinkwater, Robert Keeney, Garry Pluemer, Carol Schwartz, Matt Thill, and Tonya White. Terri Abing also joined online.

Dale Hood made the motion seconded by John Beinborn to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried, voice vote.

Roger Guthrie made the motion seconded by John Beinborn to approve the December 8, 2021 and December 14, 2021 Orchard Manor and Farm Committee minutes. Motion carried, voice vote.

Terri Abing submitted the new rental price calculation to the committee. The average corn price used was \$5.80 per acre. The 2022 rent will be \$136,344 made in two semi-annual payments. Terri indicated things are going well at the farm. They are working with the Department of Natural Resources on some upcoming projects.

Roger Guthrie made the motion seconded by Greg Fry to approve the 2022 farm rental calculation. Motion carried, voice vote.

John Beinborn made the motion seconded by Dale Hood to approve the December 2021 Farm vouchers as presented. Motion carried, voice vote.

Greg Fry made the motion seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve the January 2022 Farm vouchers as presented. Motion carried, voice vote.

Matt Thill noted completion of 346 work orders in December and 316 work orders in January. A new salter was purchased. It now allows us to purchase bulk salt from the County at a substantial savings. A seal in a pump for the boiler was leaking. Maintenance replaced a pump and motor for the boilers at a cost of approximately \$8,000. John Seippel has been promoted from Maintenance Worker to Maintenance Technician for the County and works mainly at Orchard Manor. Staff is finalizing a remodel of Room 704 which serves as a dining module.

Carol Schwartz and the Committee discussed the following Orchard Manor issues:

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has told nursing homes they must allow visitation at all times. We are complying with this order. We encourage families to schedule a time if possible.
- The CMS mandate regarding vaccination for all healthcare staff went into effect January 27, 2022. Orchard Manor had three staff retire (RN, CNA, Housekeeping Supervisor); one Maintenance Technician transfer to the CSB building; and one full-time activity aide, one part-time activity aide, two part-time CNAs, and one part-time LPN resign rather than be vaccinated. The other 16 unvaccinated staff chose to become vaccinated.
- The current census is 46 geriatric and 25 intellectually disabled residents.
- The facility continues to be in a crisis staffing situation with CNAs. Nursing and other positions are also open.
- We are still waiting for our annual SNF State recertification survey.

- The County received another \$110,155.12 from the CARES Act.
- The County received a request from Maple Street Kids Daycare about possible rental space for their program. The committee asked Orchard Manor to research the request and provide information regarding it at the next meeting.
- The Facilities Maintenance Manager has chosen not to refill the Maintenance Worker position at Orchard Manor at this time.

Roger Guthrie made the motion seconded by John Beinborn to increase the RN sign on bonus to \$5,000. Motion carried by voice vote with one opposing vote by Greg Fry.

Greg Fry made the motion seconded by John Beinborn to approve the December and January vouchers as presented. Motion carried, voice vote.

Roger Guthrie made the motion seconded by John Beinborn to approve the Cash Balance reports for December and January. Motion carried, voice vote.

Chairman Splinter tentatively set Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. for the next meeting. John Beinborn made the motion seconded by Dale Hood to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m. Motion carried, voice vote.