

Eastern Pennington County Ambulance Board of Directors

Annual Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2023 7:00 pm

Wall Community Center. 501 Main St., Wall, SD

1. Call meeting to order at 7 pm
2. Roll Call
Dan Hauk, Angel Sieler, Zack Hoffman, Lilly Stone, Mike Anderson- all present for quorum
3. Approve Agenda. Mike moved, Zack seconded. Motion carried
4. Director's report.
Lynn gave an update what EMT use to be then and now. It used to be a volunteer service; we don't have volunteers anymore. EMT course use to take 106 hours, and now it is 180. The cost associated with training went up and it cost \$600 to take training now, and it takes 6 months to finish the training. Western Dakota has a course, cost \$2000. Paramedic course cost more, depending on the level of care.
Volume of calls is between 200-225 annually and needed around 640 call a year to stay sustainable. We have large influx from travelers.
We used to have 3 people on a crew, now it is most of the time two.
Workforce shortage is a concern.
Driver is required to have a CPR card, HIPPA course, infection control, patient movement, EVAC course, etc.
5. Financial report
Angel presented Statement of changes in cash balance and cash assets as of for the year ended December 31, 2022
6. Old Business-none
7. New business
 - Comprehensive Assessment
Lilly presented Scope of work from Health Care Visions on the Comprehensive assessment study that will be done for the Wall Ambulance District. Pennington County Commissioners funded this study.
Dan Hauk recommended to form the advisory committee that would include representatives from townships, Wasta, Quinn, city and county to have everyone involved.
 - Board Election. 4 positions on the board needed to be filled. 4 petitions were turned in. Mike will remain as an emergency services representative from the city. Angel Sieler cast a unanimous ballot to appoint the 4 petitions to the following terms.
Zack Hoffman, 1-year term, will be up in 2024
Linda Eisenbraun – 2-year term, will be up in 2025
Melanie Shull & Liliya Stone-3-year term will be up in 2026. Dan second, Motion carried.

- Election of Officers for the Board. Linda made a motion to nominate Lilly Stone as President and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Linda nominated Lilly Stone for President. Angel nominated Melanie for President. Melanie declined the nomination, feeling she did not have the knowledge just getting on the board. Linda motioned for Lilly as President and Zack seconded. Motion carried with 4 yeas and one abstaining.

Lilly nominated Linda Eisenbraun for Vice-President; Zack nominated Melanie Shull for Vice-President. No discussion. One vote for Linda. 3 votes for Melanie. 1 abstained.

Melanie nominated Angel for treasurer. No other nominations were made. All voted unanimously for Angel.

Linda nominated Zack for secretary. No other nominations were made. All voted unanimously for Zack.

Officers as follow: Lilly Stone-President; Melanie Shull- Vice-President; Angel Sieler-Treasurer; Zack Hoffman-Secretary.

8. Public comments

Marty asked about townships donations, if Board reached out to the townships. Dan provided SDCL about township donations.

Carol asked about high numbers on payroll. And how many people on the crew. Angel provided numbers, 11 people on the rooster. Two crew members spoke up on the difference between EMT and Medics, and importance of ALS service in the community. Discussion on pay for this service with no incentive provided. More discussion on how much it takes to provide quality service. Questions about courses to be an EMT, and if funding is provided. Lilly indicated if there is an interest in the community, grants are available, and she can help with it.

9. Next regular meeting will be March 21, 2023 at 6 pm at the Wall Fire Department

10. Angel made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal/personnel issues according to SDCL 1-25-2 at 8:09pm and Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Lilly declared Board out of executive session at 10:13 pm.

11. Linda made a motion to appoint Mike Anderson to the Wall Ambulance Board as the city representative and non-voting member of the Board. Melanie seconded. Motion carried.

12. Meeting adjourned at 10:14 pm