

## Board of Directors Meeting

April 17, 2013

**Board members present:** A copy of the board member sign in sheet is attached. Let the records show that a quorum was present. 14 members were present.

**Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:50 am by President Mike Lee. He opened the meeting with a prayer.

### **Announcements:**

President Lee announced that Don Holly has been moved from St. Francis Hospital to a rehab center in Millington on Easton Street, Room G14. He was at St. Francis for over 5 months.

President Mike Lee called on Tim Cook to present a motion that would approve the changing of our telephone carrier in the office that had already been put into place.

*Tim Cook made a **motion** to allow the treasurer, Jim Nichols, to switch telephone carriers from AT&T to Straight Talk (through Wal-Mart). The motion was seconded by Bob McCulley. The motion passed without with objection.*

The changing of telephone service from AT&T to Verizon will save ACRE over \$600 per year.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the March, 2013 Board of Directors meeting and General Membership was presented to the board.

*Frank Hester made a **motion** to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes and approve the minutes as written, seconded by Tim Cook. The motion was passed without objection.*

### **Vice President Report, Richard McBryde.**

Richard took this opportunity to commend President Mike Lee for his presentation to the City Council budget members.

### **Treasurers Report, Jim Nichols.**

The treasurer's report was presented to the board with an explanation of dues received and disbursements since the last board meeting. A copy of the budget is on file and is available for review.

*Richard McBryde made a **motion** to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Darrell White. The motion passed without objection.*

Jim announced to the board members that this Straight Talk is available to anyone and can be purchased at Wal-Mart. The cost is \$100 for the box and the monthly cost is \$15. This includes free long distance calls. Contact Jim for further information on the service.

**Secretary Report, John Johnson.**

No Report, other than the previous approval of the minutes.

**Public Relations Report, Tim Cook.**

Tim cook submitted his report to the board members by email. A copy of his report was presented verbally to the members who do not have email service. A copy of his report is attached.

*Mike Lee asked for a **motion** to accept the report given by Tim Cook. A motion was made by Bob McCulley, seconded by Richard McBryde, to make Tim's report a part of the minutes. The motion was passed without objection.*

**Legal Advisor's Report, Clyde Keenan.**

Clyde reports there is nothing major pending. The fire and police unions are handling all of the pension audits.

There is some concern as to why the city is not providing us with a list of all city retirees. The city is taking the position that they are not furnishing any information unless it is done so by requesting it through the freedom of information act.

*Jim Nichols made a **motion** requesting our legal advisor, Clyde Keenan, to make an official written request, to the city under the freedom of information act, the name, street address, city, state, zip code, and include if possible which division they retired from, of all city retirees. The motion was seconded by Tim Cook. The motion passed without objection.*

Mike Lee asked that, if possible, the request should be made for an electronic list, rather than a paper list. Clyde said that the request will be sent to the city this week.

Clyde reported that yesterday he received information that there will be a nationwide 2% reduction in Medicare payments to doctors and hospitals until further notice. Our city insurance will have to pay the 2%.

**Pension Report, Dan Melancon.**

Dan reported that he did not make the last pension board meeting due to being on vacation. Mike Lee made the meeting. The pension is solvent. It is about 85% funded, and there is approximately \$2.3 billion in the pension fund.

The next pension board meeting is April 25th, the last Thursday of the month, at 9 am, 5th floor, city hall.

**Membership Committee Report, Darrell White.**

Renewals are good and we are averaging about 4 or 5 new members a month.

Darrell reports that a retired officer, Bob Bedford, who lives near Heber Springs, is in critical condition with internal bleeding from an unknown cause.

Darrell reminded everyone of the need to check who their beneficiary is on any insurance policy to make sure it is correct.

Darrell reminded everyone also that the MPA will assist members in a basic, simple will at no cost.

*Tim Cook made a **motion** to make the officers of the fire fighters association and members of the police association associate members of ACRE. Seconded by Bob McCulley. The motion passed without objection.*

**Healthcare Report, Francis Bradley**

Reminded members that CVS Caremark provides an updated quarterly list on their preferred drugs. The list changes quarterly. Also, just because a healthcare provider says they are in the network, call the benefits office to verify it. Provided information regarding durable medical equipment.

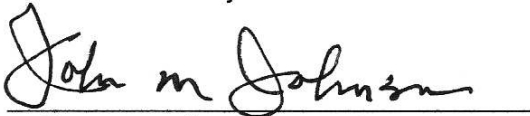
The next healthcare oversight committee meeting is Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 1: 00 pm. Those interested in attending is to meet at the MPA office at 12 noon.

**President's Report, Mike Lee.**

The city is still considering reducing our healthcare benefits. ACRE is asking for the same benefits with a slight increase in premiums, if necessary. Mike went over what all the increases in premiums and deductibles are being presented.

Having no further business, Mike Lee asked for a motion to adjourn.

*Darrell While made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Tim Cook. The motion passed without objection.*



John M. Johnson

ACRE, Secretary

Attachments:

Board member sign in sheet

Treasurer's Report

Tim Cook's report