

**A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE LIVING WELL FOUNDATION  
ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022, AT 7:30 A.M.  
AT THE WMWO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
112 PROFESSIONAL DRIVE, WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA 71291**

**MINUTES**

***Members Present:***

Jim Allbritton-Chair Pro Tempore  
Lori Allen  
Alberta Green  
Dr. Bob Huffstutter  
Rick McMillon  
Chris Pittard  
Christine Rambo

***Members Absent:***

P. Michelle Getret-Ford  
Melanie Massey Groves  
Ken Phillips  
Brandon Welch

***Staff Present:***

Alice M. Proffit, President/CEO  
Monica Turner, Executive Assistant,  
Secretary/Treasurer

***Others Present:***

Doug Caldwell, Foundation Attorney

In the absence of a Board Chair at this time, selection of Chair Pro Tempore was held for conduct of this meeting. Upon motion by Mr. McMillon, seconded by Mr. Pittard, Mr. Allbritton was selected unanimously by all those present.

Mr. Allbritton called the meeting to order, and the presence of a quorum was verified. It was noted that some Directors who previously planned to attend had illness or unexpected business meetings. Discussion was held on the variance to quorum requirements which would occur during the considerations of potential conflicts of interest and certain grant requests related to those potential conflicts, with additional clarifications later received from the Foundation attorney. It was agreed that it would be prudent to proceed with the considerations of the grant applicants, especially since the Programs/Grant Review Committee had previously considered all requests thoroughly. It was noted that all grant requests with determined conflicts were required to have approval by the HSD #1 Board of Commissioners as regular practice, and those approvals would be sought as required. It was further noted that all applications without a potential conflict of interest would have the appropriate quorum vote.

**Minutes** – The minutes from the May 5, 2022, meeting were reviewed. There being no changes, upon motion by Dr. Huffstutter, seconded by Mr. Pittard, the minutes were unanimously approved (7-0).

**Items to consider from the Executive Committee:**

**Updates to Policy Regarding Positive Pay** – An update was provided on the latest fraudulent attempts on the bank account and the additional services then added to the Positive Pay Service. The Internal Financial Management Policy was then presented with revisions to include these services and practices. After review, recommendation was made to amend the policy as presented, and upon motion by Mr. McMillon, seconded by Mr. Pittard, the recommendation was unanimously approved (7-0).

**State Dental Sealant Grant 2022-2023** – Discussion was held concerning a second year of collaboration with the WellAhead LA dental sealant program and a potential grant of \$25,000. It was reported that the Foundation would again administer funds through third-party providers to achieve grant goals, if awarded. As the state agency had not yet completed funding determinations, recommendation was made to participate in the program again this school year upon completion of an approved Memorandum of Understanding at the appropriate time. Upon motion by Mrs. Rambo, seconded by Mrs. Allen, the recommendation was unanimously approved (7-0). This item will be presented to the HSD #1 Board of Commissioners.

**Update on School-Based Health Centers** – An update was provided on discussions with the Ouachita Parish School System for potential school-based health centers (SBHCs). It was reported there would likely be at least one new center in 2023 with possibility of further locations, if the Federal funder, HRSA, opens the grant cycles for those specific medical settings on school campuses. Commendation was given to the President/CEO related to activities within the SBHC Initiative to assist in placing these specialized care centers on school campuses. No action was necessary on this item at this time.

**Item to consider from the Audit Committee:**

**IT Backup and Disaster Recovery Policy** – Discussion was held on the 2021 audit regarding the need for a policy for Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, and a proposed policy was presented. After review, upon motion by Mr. Pittard, seconded by Mr. McMillon, the policy was unanimously approved as presented (7-0). This item will be presented to the HSD #1 Board of Commissioners as part of Management’s Response to the exception in the 2021 audit report.

**Items to consider from the Finance/Investment Committee:**

**June 2022 Financial Statements** – A review was then held on the June 2022 financial statements, including the Argent statement, and the bond and cash flow worksheets. All expense areas were reported as within or under budget. The increase in projected income as detailed on the bond worksheet was noted, due to reinvested bonds at higher interest rates. The financials continue to reflect a deficit in the change in net asset value for month and year-to-date due to unrealized losses, but net asset value remains above the restricted principal. After discussion, upon motion by Mrs. Green, seconded by Mrs. Allen, the June 2022 financial statements were unanimously approved (7-0). This item will be presented to the HSD #1 Board of Commissioners for their quarterly review.

**2023 Operations and Capital Budgets** – The proposed 2023 operations and capital budgets were then introduced. A review of current holdings, upcoming maturities and potential reinvestment rates, and 2023 projected earnings was held. Expenses were reviewed, with the Dental Hygiene Initiative and the School-Based Health Center Initiative remaining priorities. It was noted that a deficit in the change in assets would be included in the budget, due to increasing unrealized losses as interest rates continue to move upward. The capital budget was then presented, including upgrades for computers and telephones. Recommendation was made that notice of the availability of the 2023 budget for public inspection be advertised in the legal news, with final consideration at the October or November Board meeting. Upon motion by Mr. Pittard, seconded by Mr. McMillon, the recommendation was unanimously approved (7-0).

**Investment Portfolio Items** – The portfolio review as recently provided by Argent Financial Group was presented, with information on the current yield rates and the comparison to benchmark. It was noted that the portfolio outperformed the benchmarks due to the holdings and short-term strategy. It was further noted that the portfolio is positioned well to benefit from the rising interest rates over time, as there are several maturities in 2022 and 2023. Recommendation was made to continue the current investment strategy of

laddered portfolio up to 4-year maturity, with a focus to the shorter end under 2 years at this time, with reinvestment of maturing CDs, including self-directed CDs, into the market for better returns by transferring those to Argent upon maturity. Upon motion by Dr. Huffstutter, seconded by Mrs. Rambo, the recommendation was unanimously approved (7-0). This item will be presented to the HSD #1 Board of Commissioners per the Investment Policy.

**ULM Dental Hygiene Initiative** – At this time, items were considered regarding additional funding within the current Dental Hygiene Initiative and a request to include the ULM on-campus clinic in the initiative funding.

Prior to the discussion, Dr. Bob Huffstutter exited the meeting after providing information regarding his relationship to ULM.

The Board then considered a potential conflict of interest for Dr. Bob Huffstutter regarding the grantee, University of Louisiana at Monroe Dental Hygiene Program, as related to their request for additional funding within the current Dental Hygiene Initiative budget. After discussion, upon motion by Mrs. Rambo, seconded by Mr. McMillon, the following was unanimously approved by all members then present (6-0), to wit:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has received and reviewed the Notice of Potential Financial Interest/Conflict of Interest presented to the Board by Dr. Bob Huffstutter with respect to the grantee, University of Louisiana at Monroe Dental Hygiene Program, and has had the opportunity to propound questions to him regarding the relationship disclosed;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has discussed, without the presence of the foregoing individual, whether he has a conflict of interest with respect to the grantee;

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby determines that Dr. Bob Huffstutter DOES have a potential conflict of interest with respect to the grantee disclosed and accepts his offer to refrain from participation in any discussion or vote relating to those matters.

With Dr. Huffstutter still remaining out of the meeting, the request for funding was then considered. The ULM Dental Hygiene Program requested funding for equipment and supplies at \$2,000 for the ULM on-campus dental hygiene clinic for July – December 2022. It was then reported that the history of funding for the two current clinics within the Dental Hygiene Initiative, specifically the mobile dental hygiene unit and the Riser school-based dental hygiene clinic, reflected a return of unused funds every semester, and the Dental Hygiene Initiative budget of \$35,000 was never fully spent.

It was noted that the quorum for approval would not be met due to the unusual circumstances previously defined, but the Programs/Grant Review Committee and the Finance/Investment Committee had both approved a recommendation for funding, and the request was likely supported by all Directors then present, and a request would be made from the HSD #1 Board of Commissioners to approve the funding contingent upon the Board's vote in October.

After discussion, upon motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Green, recommendation to amend the MOU and the Funding Agreement for the Initiative to include the ULM on-campus clinic and to fund the request at \$2,000 for the fall semester 2022, and to fund future semesters upon the submission of an approved budget, was unanimously approved by all members then present (6-0), to wit:

WHEREAS, it has previously been determined that a conflict DOES exist for Dr. Bob Huffstutter regarding this grantee;

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby determines that as Dr. Bob Huffstutter did have a potential conflict of interest with respect to the grantee, he has refrained from participation in the discussion and the vote relating to those matters, and it is not appropriate under the circumstances to appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives;

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby determines that (a) the Foundation cannot obtain a more advantageous arrangement with reasonable efforts from another person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest, (b) the proposed request is in the Foundation's best interest and for its own benefit, and (c) the proposed request is fair and reasonable to the Foundation;

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors, having evaluated the proposed request in light of the Foundation's grant selection factors, any staff reports, and the Committee's considerations, hereby approves the request of \$2,000 subject to the negotiation and execution of a formal written funding agreement and, if required under the Foundation's By-Laws, subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners of the Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Ouachita.

Dr. Huffstutter then returned to the meeting.

**Items to consider from the Programs/Grant Review Committee:**

**Consideration of Potential Conflicts of Interest** – At this time, potential conflicts of interest as submitted by Board Directors regarding certain grant applicants were considered. Mrs. Allen first exited the meeting after providing information regarding her relationship to ULM.

The Board then considered a potential conflict of interest for Lori Allen regarding the grant applicant, University of Louisiana at Monroe Kitty Degree School of Nursing. After discussion, upon motion by Dr. Huffstutter, seconded by Mrs. Rambo, the following was unanimously approved by all members then present (6-0), to wit:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has received and reviewed the Notice of Potential Financial Interest/Conflict of Interest presented to the Board by Lori Allen with respect to the grant applicant, University of Louisiana at Monroe Kitty Degree School of Nursing, and has had the opportunity to propound questions to her regarding the relationship disclosed;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has discussed, without the presence of the foregoing individual, whether she has a conflict of interest with respect to the grant application;

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby determines that Lori Allen DOES NOT have a potential conflict of interest with respect to the grant application disclosed and may participate in the discussion and vote with respect to the grant application.

Mrs. Allen returned to the meeting, and Mrs. Green exited the meeting.

The Committee then considered a potential conflict of interest for Alberta Green regarding the grant applicant, University of Louisiana at Monroe Kitty Degree School of Nursing. After discussion, upon motion by Mrs. Rambo, seconded by Mrs. Allen, the following was unanimously approved by all members then present (6-0), to wit:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has received and reviewed the Notice of Potential Financial Interest/Conflict of Interest presented to the Board by Alberta Green with respect to the grant applicant, University of Louisiana at Monroe Kitty Degree School of Nursing, and has had the opportunity to propound questions to her regarding the relationship disclosed;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has discussed, without the presence of the foregoing individual, whether she has a conflict of interest with respect to the grant application;

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby determines that Alberta Green DOES NOT have a potential conflict of interest with respect to the grant application disclosed and may participate in the discussion and vote with respect to the grant application.

The Board then considered a potential conflict of interest for Alberta Green regarding the grant applicant, Children's Coalition of Northeast Louisiana. After discussion, upon motion by Mr. McMillon, seconded by Mrs. Rambo, the following was unanimously approved by all members then present (6-0), to wit:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has received and reviewed the Notice of Potential Financial Interest/ Conflict of Interest presented to the Board by Alberta Green with respect to the grant applicant, Children's Coalition of Northeast Louisiana, and has had the opportunity to propound questions to her regarding the relationship disclosed;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has discussed, without the presence of the foregoing individual, whether she has a conflict of interest with respect to the grant application;

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby determines that Alberta Green DOES have a potential conflict of interest with respect to the grant application disclosed and accepts her offer to refrain from participation in any discussion or vote relating to those matters.

The Committee then considered a potential conflict of interest for Alberta Green regarding the grant applicant, Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center. After discussion, upon motion by Dr. Huffstutter, seconded by Mr. McMillon, the following was unanimously approved by all members then present (6-0), to wit:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has received and reviewed the Notice of Potential Financial Interest/Conflict of Interest presented to the Board by Alberta Green with respect to the grant applicant, Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, and has had the opportunity to propound questions to her regarding the relationships disclosed;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has discussed, without the presence of the foregoing individual, whether she has a conflict of interest with respect to the grant application;

RESOLVED, the hereby determines that Alberta Green DOES NOT have a potential conflict of interest with respect to the grant application disclosed and may participate in the discussion and vote with respect to the grant application.

Mrs. Green then returned to the meeting, and Mr. Allbritton exited the meeting.

The Board then considered a potential conflict of interest for Jim Allbritton regarding the grantees, Richland Parish Hospital dba Delhi Community Health Center, Franklin Parish Hospital Service District #1 dba Franklin

Medical Center, and Union General Hospital, as related to their requests. After discussion, upon motion by Mrs. Allen, seconded by Mrs. Rambo, the following was unanimously approved by all members then present (6-0), to wit:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has received and reviewed the Notice of Potential Financial Interest/Conflict of Interest presented to the Board by Jim Allbritton with respect to the grantees, Richland Parish Hospital dba Delhi Community Health Center, Franklin Parish Hospital Service District #1 dba Franklin Medical Center, and Union General Hospital, as related to their requests, and has had the opportunity to propound questions to him regarding the relationships disclosed;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has discussed, without the presence of the foregoing individual, whether he has a conflict of interest with respect to the grantees;

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby determines that Jim Allbritton DOES NOT have a potential conflict of interest with respect to the grantees disclosed and may participate in the discussions and votes with respect to the grant applications.

Jim Allbritton then rejoined the meeting, and Dr. Huffstutter exited the meeting.

The Board then considered a potential conflict of interest for Dr. Bob Huffstutter regarding the grant applicant, Town of Farmerville, as related to the Boys and Girls Club of North Louisiana as a provider within the application. After discussion, upon motion by Mrs. Allen, seconded by Mr. Pittard, the following was unanimously approved by all members then present (6-0), to wit:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has received and reviewed the Notice of Potential Financial Interest/Conflict of Interest presented to the Board by Dr. Huffstutter with respect to the grant applicant, Town of Farmerville, and specifically the Boys and Girls Club of North Louisiana as a provider within the request, and has had the opportunity to propound questions to him regarding the relationship disclosed;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has discussed, without the presence of the foregoing individual, whether he has a conflict of interest with respect to the grant application;

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby determines that Dr. Huffstutter DOES have a potential conflict of interest with respect to the grant application disclosed and accepts his offer to refrain from participation in any discussion or vote relating to those matters.

Dr. Huffstutter then rejoined the meeting, and Mr. Pittard exited the meeting.

The Board then considered a potential conflict of interest for Chris Pittard regarding the grant applicant, VCOM-Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine. After discussion, upon motion by Dr. Huffstutter, seconded by Mr. McMillon, the following was unanimously approved by all members then present (6-0), to wit:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has received and reviewed the Notice of Potential Financial Interest/Conflict of Interest presented to the Board by Chris Pittard with respect to the grant applicant, VCOM-Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, and has had the opportunity to propound questions to him regarding the relationship disclosed;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has discussed, without the presence of the foregoing individual, whether he has a conflict of interest with respect to the grant application;

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby determines that Chris Pittard DOES NOT have a potential conflict of interest with respect to the grant application disclosed and may participate in the discussion and vote with respect to the grant application.

The Board then considered a potential conflict of interest for Chris Pittard regarding the grant applicants, Richland Parish Hospital dba Delhi Community Health Center and Union General Hospital. After discussion, upon motion by Mrs. Green, seconded by Dr. Huffstutter, the following was unanimously approved by all members then present (6-0), to wit:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has received and reviewed the Notice of Potential Financial Interest/Conflict of Interest presented to the Board by Chris Pittard with respect to the grant applicants, Richland Parish Hospital dba Delhi Community Health Center and Union General Hospital, and has had the opportunity to propound questions to him regarding the relationships disclosed;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has discussed, without the presence of the foregoing individual, whether he has a conflict of interest with respect to the grant applications;

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby determines that Chris Pittard DOES NOT have a potential conflict of interest with respect to the grant applications disclosed and may participate in the discussions and votes with respect to the grant applications.

Mr. Pittard then rejoined the meeting.

**Special Grant Cycle 2022 Applications** – At this time, the Board reviewed the priority and focus and any special considerations for the cycle. The overall process for review was discussed, and it was noted that there were 15 applications received at a total request of \$934,320, and the total budget was \$275,000 as approved by the Board and HSD #1, with remaining available funds of \$254,500.

The Board recognized the Committee's work and the detail provided by the staff for a thorough review of all applications. It was noted that all applications were impressive and with merit.

It was agreed that the presentation and discussion would first include those grant applications without any determined conflicts of interest, and thereafter would include those grant applications with determined conflicts of interest, in order to be a more efficient and focused discussion.

At this time, requests for funding regarding those applications without a determined conflict of interest were presented and discussed.

Bright Star Ranch – "Freedom to Flourish" – requested \$37,500, of \$43,500 total project, for renovation of space, equipment and supplies, and a program director, for their equine therapy program. It was noted that they were now eligible for Medicaid billing. Partial funding of \$5,000 was recommended by the Committee.

Delhi Community Health Center (Richland Parish Hospital) – “Healthy Kids Zone: Mental Health Wellness Expansion Program” – requested \$19,765, of \$107,491 total project, as mental health services within their new Mangham, LA, school-based health center. Full funding of \$19,765 was recommended by the Committee.

Franklin Parish HSD #1 dba Franklin Medical Center – “Regional Training and Simulation Center” – requested \$50,000, of \$761,519 total project, for the outfitting of the newly constructed enhanced clinical training and simulation facility. It was noted that this facility had purchased the HAL S3201 simulation robot, as new and unique to the area. Partial funding of \$25,000 was recommended by the Committee.

Kiroli Foundation– “Highland Park Wetland Trails Wellness and Bicycle Safety Initiatives” – requested \$22,900, of \$32,900 total project, for outdoor fitness equipment and a bike safety event for the new trailhead area. Partial funding of \$15,000 specifically for fitness equipment only was recommended by the Committee.

Louisiana Delta Community College – “Barbering Program” – requested \$50,000, of \$83,000 total project, to help fund equipment for the barbering program, within goals of providing vocational skills and career opportunities for those not on a 4-year college track. In addition, they proposed to provide barbering for the under-served population and the homeless within their training. Discussion was held on issues related to workforce. No funding was recommended by the Committee at this time.

Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center – “Increasing Health Equity for the Medically Underserved through Mobile Cancer Screenings” – requested \$25,000, of \$192,200 total project, to provide free screenings for breast and colon cancer via a mobile unit in northeast Louisiana. It was noted that multiple grants had been provided for these services, and that follow-up care would be vital for success. Partial funding of \$19,516 specifically for the screenings only was recommended by the Committee.

Mercy Medical Health Center – “Mercy Dental’s Bright Smiles” – requested \$75,899, of \$151,798 total project, to purchase up-to-date dental equipment for their Ruston full-service dental clinic, serving the under-served population and those without coverage in Lincoln Parish and surrounding areas. Partial funding of \$35,000 was recommended by the Committee.

NELA Children’s Museum– “Support for Healthcare/Medical Gallery” – requested \$50,000, of \$8,000,000 multi-year project, to construct and equip a healthcare/medical wing in its new location at Forsythe Park in Monroe. It was noted this project has broad involvement or interest from other funders and medical settings. It was further noted that they provide outreach programs for children who may not access the museum. Partial funding of \$20,000 was recommended by the Committee.

Union General Hospital – “Rural Health Clinic Construction and Equipment” – requested \$300,000, of \$3,769,781 total project, to build a new rural health care clinic to replace the existing clinic, with addition of more clinical staff, including nurse practitioner and physician. Partial funding of \$30,000 was recommended by the Committee.

University of Louisiana at Monroe – Kitty Degree School of Nursing – “Mobile Bridge to Health” – requested \$12,314, of \$21,674 total project, to provide basic screening clinical services to the homeless in the area’s shelters. It was noted that the Foundation had previously provided initial funding for this project, and that St. Francis Medical Center now participated by providing their mobile unit. Partial funding of \$4,400 for supplies and equipment only was recommended by the Committee.



VCOM (Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine) – “VCOM- Louisiana Scholarship Program” - requested \$100,000, of \$100,000 total project, to provide full scholarship of \$50,000 per year to one student for 2 years of a 4-year degree. Discussion was held on the benefits of faculty positions compared to scholarships for students. No funding was recommended by the Committee at this time.

Wellspring Alliance for Families – “Wellspring Psychiatric Services” - requested \$81,700, of \$101,896 total project, to cover expenses for contracted clinical psychology services for medication management and telehealth platforms. It was noted that clinical personnel continue to be in tight supply for the region, and the services provide additional benefits for their existing programs. Partial funding of \$38,400 for the professional consultants only was recommended by the Committee.

Zion Helping Hands, Inc. – “Food Pantry” – requested \$11,500, of \$25,261 total project, to outfit and expand the storage unit space for the food pantry, noted as one of the most vital resources for food disparity in Morehouse Parish. Full funding of \$11,500 was recommended by the Committee.

After additional discussion, recommendation was made to fund these applications with no previously determined conflicts of interest as recommended by the Programs/Grant Review Committee. Upon motion by Mrs. Allen, seconded by Mrs. Green, the recommendation was unanimously approved (7-0).

The Board then considered those applications with determined conflicts of interest, including only Children’s Coalition of Northeast LA, and the Town of Farmerville as related to the Boys and Girls Clubs of North LA as a provider within the project.

It was noted that the quorum for determination would not be met as Directors exited the discussions and votes, but that the Programs/Grant Review Committee had approved these recommendations for funding after a detailed and thorough discussion, and that a request would be made from the HSD #1 Board of Commissioners for approval as required by the By-Laws, and contingent upon the Board’s follow-up vote at their next meeting.

At this time, Mrs. Green exited the meeting.

Children’s Coalition of NELA - “Healthy Family Gardening & Signs of Suicide” – requested \$15,000, of \$94,750 total project, for consultants for their programs, Signs of Suicide and Healthy Gardening. It was noted that they were rebuilding personnel components for both programs, and that there were several matching grants for the Signs of Suicide program. It was also noted that the Foundation has previously funded the Signs of Suicide program. Partial funding of \$5,000 was recommended by the Committee. Upon motion by Mrs. Rambo, seconded by Dr. Huffstutter, the following was unanimously approved, (6-0 ), to wit:

WHEREAS, it has previously been determined that a conflict DOES exist for Alberta Green regarding this grant applicant or application;

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby determines that as Alberta Green did have a potential conflict of interest with respect to the grant application or the grant applicant, she has refrained from participation in the discussion and the vote relating to those matters, and it is not appropriate under the circumstances to appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives;

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby determines that (a) the Foundation cannot obtain a more advantageous arrangement with reasonable efforts from another person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest, (b) the proposed grant application is in the Foundation's best interest and for its own benefit, and (c) the proposed grant application is fair and reasonable to the Foundation,

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors, having evaluated the proposed grant application in light of the Foundation's grant selection factors, any staff reports, and the Committee's considerations, hereby approves the application for a partial grant award of \$5,000, subject to the negotiation and execution of a formal written grant agreement and, if required under the Foundation's By-Laws, subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners of the Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Ouachita.

Mrs. Green returned to the meeting at this time, and Dr. Huffstutter exited the meeting.

Town of Farmerville – "Boys and Girls Clubs of North Louisiana Farmerville Expansion" – requested \$82,652, of \$259,073 total project, for a computer lab and multipurpose art room within a newly designated space in Farmerville to bring Boys and Girls Clubs programming through Club Blue to the town. It was noted there were broad business community support and additional funding for this program. Partial funding of \$20,000 was recommended by the Committee. Upon motion by Mrs. Green, seconded by Mr. Pittard, the following was unanimously approved, (6-0), to wit:

WHEREAS, it has previously been determined that a conflict DOES exist for Dr. Bob Huffstutter regarding this grant applicant or application;

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby determines that as Dr. Huffstutter did have a potential conflict of interest with respect to the grant application or the grant applicant, he has refrained from participation in the discussion and the vote relating to those matters, and it is not appropriate under the circumstances to appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives;

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby determines that (a) the Foundation cannot obtain a more advantageous arrangement with reasonable efforts from another person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest, (b) the proposed grant application is in the Foundation's best interest and for its own benefit, and (c) the proposed grant application is fair and reasonable to the Foundation;

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors, having evaluated the proposed grant application in light of the Foundation's grant selection factors, any staff reports, and the Committee's considerations, hereby approves the application for a partial grant award of \$20,000, subject to the negotiation and execution of a formal written grant agreement and, if required under the Foundation's By-Laws, subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners of the Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Ouachita.

Dr. Huffstutter then returned to the meeting.

In final review, the total recommended funding within the Special Grant Cycle 2022 was \$248,581 within a budget of \$254,500. The item regarding the two applications with determined conflicts of interest will be presented to the HSD #1 Board of Commissioners, with requests for special considerations as noted.

**2022 Annual Update to Community Luncheon** – The ongoing plans and activities for the Annual Update to the Community Luncheon were discussed. The event is scheduled for October 25, 2022, at 11:45 a.m. at the West Monroe Convention Center. No further action was necessary at this time.

**President/CEO Report** – No further report at this time.

**Board Chair Report** – No further report at this time.

There being no other activities, and no Committee members or members of the public wished to make any further comments, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Chair Pro Tempore

  
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Secretary