
02/05/2026 | Meeting Called to Order at 1:02 p.m. by Susanna Batterman

In Attendance

RIBHAC Members: Susanna Batterman, Bob Davis, Pam Goding, Valerie Coop and Carrie Howton

A quorum was established at the February meeting.

Region 1 Staff: Holly Brandt, Jeanne McKerrigan, Kim Burry and Irene Guerrero

Introduction

Introduction of Region 1 staff Kim Burry new Director of Network Services

Approval of February Agenda (motion) Voice Vote

A motion to approve February Agenda made by Pam Goding with a second motion by Carrie Howton. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Approval of January Minutes (motion) Voice Vote

A motion to approve January minutes made by Bob Davis with a second motion by Carrie Howton. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

RIBHAC Membership Application (Motion)

Holly Brandt reviewed the membership application of Lisa Simmons. The committee discussed the applicant and agreed she would be a good addition. The committee approved forwarding the application to the Governing Board for review.

A motion to accept the RIBHAC membership application was made by Bob Davis and seconded by Carrie Howton. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Review 1st Reading Of By-Laws (Informational)

Bob Davis requested a change to the verbiage in Section 5, *Quorum*, which currently states: "A quorum of the RIBHAC shall consist of a simple majority of official members." A suggestion was made to define the quorum as four members. An additional verbiage change to Article V section 1: Meetings. Add "and virtual".

Correction and approval will be addressed at the March meeting.

An additional suggestion was made to consider suspending second readings going forward. No action was taken.

Election of Officers (Motion)

A motion was made by Carrie Howton to retain the current slate of officers, with a second by Bob Davis. The current officers are: Chair, Amanda Booth; and Co-Chair, Don Lease. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Crisis Stabilization Update (Informational)

Holly reported that the contract was received on Friday, January 30, 2026; however, it reflected an incorrect amount.

Contract amount listed: \$3.4 million

Correct amount: \$3.8 million

The issue was resolved, and the contract was signed.

The contract was sent to the contractor for building renovations and demolition should begin soon.

The direct contract for the Mobile Crisis Unit was received and is expected to roll out in mid-February.

An LLC was filed with the State of Nebraska under the name *Western Nebraska Recovery Center*.

The filing was initially denied due to similarity with two existing entities.

A grant was submitted to Oregon Trail in the amount of \$100,000.

With the contract now signed, Town Halls will roll out. Holly will address the counties to request their Opioid Settlement funding.

Questions from members and non-members

N/A

*A motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:37 p.m. was made by Pam Goding and seconded by Carrie Howton. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

Next Meeting 03/05/2026 at 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Region 1 South Conference Room