

**CITY OF GRAFTON  
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2020**

A special meeting of the Ways and Means Committee of the City of Grafton was held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 2, 2020 over the meeting application Zoom.

Chairperson Chris West presided. Members present: Don Hutson, Chris Lipsh, and Shane Mohn. Absent: David Fellman. Others present: Greg Young, Nick Ziegelmann and Hays Companies representatives Randall Johnson and Jon Heath.

The meeting was called to hear a presentation regarding an alternative health insurance by Hays Companies who is working with the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF) and ND Public Health Insurance Trust (NDPHIT).

Several months ago, the City along with other interested political subdivisions, provided information on their current health coverage plan information to conduct a feasibility study for the NDIRF Association Health Plan. NDIRF later joined together with the South East Education Cooperative (SEEC) who was creating an association health plan for ND schools. The ND Public Health Insurance Trust (NDPHIT) was created to provide health insurance to local governments.

Randall Johnson and Jon Heath presented information on the new group. The NDPHIT is owned by its members and managed by SEEC. Of the 47 interested political subdivisions, NDPHIT wants 25-27 of those with a positive loss ratio to participate as the founding group.

The plan will be provided by Blue Cross/Blue Shield with an identical plan as the City currently offers through the ND Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS). Premiums are proposed to stay the same as current rates in 2021 with annual adjustments thereafter of approximately 3-6%. NDPHIT will be able to provide plan choices, flexibility and tier options. The City would be required to contribute a one-time deposit of 8.5% of the annual premium or \$44,782 in December 2020 to have a sufficient fund balance to begin paying claims. The amount would be listed as an asset to the City of Grafton and could be used to buy down future premium increases.

NDPHIT needs to submit numbers to Blue Cross/Blue Shield by September 4<sup>th</sup>, so they are requesting the City's preliminary acceptance by then.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Zoom presentation was concluded, whereby the meeting was adjourned.

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Chris West, Chairperson

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Wanda L. Ensruide, Deputy Auditor