

MINUTES
STATE HEALTH FACILITIES COUNCIL
Initiated in the Lucas State Office Building
Meeting Conducted Via Zoom

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

ELECTRONIC MEETING

This electronic meeting of the State Health Facilities Council was held in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.8 entitled “Electronic Meetings.” The Code states that a governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means only if circumstances are such that a meeting in person is impossible or impractical and access is provided to the public. An in-person meeting of the Council to handle this agenda was impractical due to the schedules of the Council members and the resources of the Department. The meeting was initiated in the Lucas State Office Building and was conducted via Zoom, which offered both video conferencing and conference call capabilities. Notices and agendas were posted in the Lucas State Office building and on the Department’s web site under the Certificate of Need Program as well as on the Department’s and Iowa.gov public calendars. The meeting was recorded.

9:02 AM Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Harold Miller, Chair; Kelly Blackford; Aaron DeJong; Jeremy Kidd; and Brenda Perrin

STAFF PRESENT: Becky Swift (present in the Lucas Building)

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Lisa Reel Schmidt, Counsel for the State

OTHERS PRESENT: Katie Cownie, Dorsey & Whitney, LLP; Gary Botine and Amber Deardorff Mary Greeley Medical Center

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (January 31, 2023)

A motion by Perrin, seconded by DeJong, to approved the minutes of the January 31 2023, meeting carried unanimously by voice vote.

I. EXTENSION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PROJECT

1. Ames Surgery Center – Establishment of an ambulatory surgery center \$12,623,456. (*Approved 5/18/2022, First Extension Request*)

Staff report by Becky Swift. The applicant was represented by Katie Cownie, Dorsey & Whitney and Gary Botine, Mary Greeley Medical Center. Amber Deardorff, Mary Greeley Medical Center, was also present but did not speak. The applicant made remarks.

No affected parties appeared at the hearing.

A motion by DeJong, seconded by Perrin to grant a 12-month extension carried by a vote of 5-0.

Swift and Council members thanked Dr. Hal Miller and Brenda Perrin, whose terms on the Council expire on April 30, 2023, for their dedicated service.

A motion by Perrin, seconded by DeJong, to adjourn carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 am.

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
STATE HEALTH FACILITIES COUNCIL**

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXTENSION FOR)

AMES SURGERY CENTER)

AMES, IOWA)

DECISION

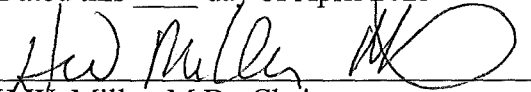
This matter came before the State Health Facilities Council on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. The applicant was represented by Katie Cownie, Dorsey & Whitney, LLP and Gary Botine, Mary Greeley Medical Center.

The project, the establishment of an ambulatory surgery center, was originally approved May 18, 2022, at an estimated cost of \$12,623,456. The original completion date for the project was June 1, 2024; the new completion date is August 1, 2024. Ames Surgery Center signed construction contracts in January 2023 and the development agreement with the City of Ames was signed in March 2023. The Surgery Center site permits have been signed, which will allow construction to begin. Noted during testimony was that operating agreements have been developed and the land purchased. The grading of the land has begun and is substantially complete. The Surgery Center anticipates the building footings to be poured on or around May 1, 2023. Also noted was that obtaining electrical gear has been delayed, thus causing the delay in project completion. To date \$2,017,749 has been spent on the project.

The Council, after reading the extension request and hearing comments by staff and the applicant, voted 5-0 to Grant an Extension of Certificate of Need per 641 Iowa Administrative Code 202.13. The decision is based upon a finding that progress has been made on the project.

The extension is valid for 12 months.

Dated this 25 day of April 2023



H.W. Miller, M.D., Chair
State Health Facilities Council
Iowa Department of Health and Human Services

cc: Health Facilities Council
Department of Inspections & Appeals, Health Facilities Division