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New Hiawatha Hospital Board president elected (KNZA)--The Hiawatha Community Hospital Board of Trustees has a new president.

According to a press release issued Friday by the hospital, the Board elected Greg Rodvelt to assume the position of president at their February 19 meeting.

Rodvelt joined the Board in 2017 and was serving as the vice-president.

Brian Lillie was elected to serve as the new vice-president.

The release said the action comes after Andy Delaney resigned his position as board president at a special meeting on February 7.

Delaney indicated with the recent formation of a committee comprised of local county, city and hospital officials to explore options for assisting the hospital, his duties as the attorney for the city of Hiawatha could create an appearance of conflict with the rules of professional conduct for attorneys.

Delaney went on to state that his resignation was not a reflection of the current financial crisis of the hospital but would serve to protect all three entities from the appearance of a legal conflict. He further added that he had confidence in the hospital staff, hospital administration and Board of Trustees to protect the future of the Hiawatha Community Hospital.

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