

BENEWAH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Thursday, March 25, 2021, 7:30 a.m.
Francie Walters Board Room, Benewah Community Hospital, St. Maries, Idaho

MINUTES

Attendees: Dan Hammes Carol Humphrey Mike LaPlante
 Ron Hodge Richard Schumacker Dave Cox, via telephone
 Peggy Cuvala
 Phil Lampert, County Commissioner

Staff: Lori Minier Rebecca Plante Rachel Ewert
 Chuck Lloyd Dr. Bill Wheeler

Other: Kirt Fredericks, RBC Wealth Management

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Humphrey opened the meeting at 7:33 a.m.
2. **Regular Session** – Lloyd reported that Administration has been focusing on customer service and employee engagement. Lloyd shared a positive comment from the Press Ganey Patient satisfaction survey that was also sent to staff in the “Weekly Beat” staff informational email. BCH has seen a reduction in positive COVID cases, and we are continuing with vaccine clinics.
3. **Approve Minutes** – A **motion** made by LaPlante, second by Hodge, to approve the meeting minutes from February 25, 2021. The motion passed.

4. **Open Forum/Visitors**

4.1. Kirt Fredericks, RBC Wealth Management – *Fredericks will present at 8:00 a.m.*

5. **Medical Staff**

5.1. **Initial Appointment**

5.1.1. Douglas Blaty, D.O. – Dr. Wheeler stated that Dr. Blaty has joined Dr. Dirks’ practice. Dr. Dirks is preparing for retirement, so Dr. Blaty will be coming to BCH in his place. No concerns with Dr. Blaty’s initial appointment file. A **motion** made by Hodge, second by Hammes, to approve Dr. Douglas Blaty’s initial appointment to the Medical Staff. The motion passed.

5.1.2. Direct Radiology Schedule 1 – Dr. Wheeler stated that Direct Radiology is adding to their Schedule 1 of Physicians who read for BCH, adding Physicians Matthew Williamson, D.O. and Steven Larsen, M.D. A **motion** made by Hodge, second by Cuvala, to approve Direct Radiology’s updated Schedule 1, adding the above-mentioned providers. The motion passed.

6. Board Committee Reports

6.1. Performance Improvement Committee – Schumacker gave an update from the most recent PI Committee meeting on March 9, 2021, to include highlights from Dietary, Radiology and Physical Therapy departments.

6.2. Finance Committee – Hammes stated that the finance report was given in the Finance Committee meeting prior to the Board meeting.

6.2.1. February Financials – A **motion** made by Hammes, second by Hodge, to approve the February Financials. The motion passed.

6.3. Medical Staff Committee – Hodge stated that Plante covered all items from the Medical Staff meeting in her report. Discussion regarding the Orthopedic Surgeon search as well as OB/GYN visiting providers.

6.4. Board Nominations and Bylaws/Policy – Cox stated that the BBNP Committee will be meeting briefly today. Current topics of discussion: Board terms coming up in July and review of the Board bylaws template from Hawley Troxell.

7. Contracts – No contracts presented.

8. Administrative Reports/Questions – The Board and Administration had conversations regarding the following topics: Positive feedback on immunization clinics; Offering onsite vaccine clinics to major businesses in St. Maries; Covid testing; The COVID wing has not been utilized due to nurse staffing (have had inpatient COVID patients in the negative pressure room on the floor); Admin staff participating in mock interviews at the high school.

9. Follow-Up Items –The Board expressed their appreciation for Administration’s efforts with recent areas of improvement. Discussion regarding the response to the community survey. We are already getting good responses from the ER follow-up phone calls and thank you cards.

Kirt Fredericks entered at 8:00 a.m.

Kirt Fredericks, RBC Wealth Management – Fredericks stated that the Hospital’s plan has performed well in the last year. Fredericks expressed his appreciation for the Board’s confidence in their company. Fredericks answered questions from Board members. *Wheeler exited at 8:18 a.m.*

Fredericks exited at 8:20 a.m.

10. Communications

10.1. BetterCARE Report – Humphrey reported that Kristi Masterson is planning a fundraiser for Mother’s Day. She is looking at a golf tournament fundraiser as well.

10.2. IHA Updates – Cuvala stated that she has an IHA meeting tomorrow.

10.3. Board Education – Nothing at this time.

11. Executive Session

At 8:23 a.m., a **motion** made by LaPlante, second by Hammes, to adjourn into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) Personnel and Idaho Code 74-206(1)(j) Provider Contract & Other Contract Manners. Roll Call Vote: All ayes. The motion passed.

Present at this time: Hammes, Humphrey, LaPlante, Cox, Hodge, Cuvala, Schumacker, Lampert, Lloyd, Minier, Ewert, and Plante.

*Plante and Ewert exited at 8:23 a.m.
Schumacker exited at 8:55 a.m.
Lampert exited at 9:10 a.m.
Lloyd and Minier exited at 9:22 a.m.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

Rebecca Plante, Board Secretary

Carol Humphrey, Board Chairman