

BENEWAH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Thursday, June 23, 2022, 7:30 a.m.
Francie Walters Board Room, Benewah Community Hospital, St. Maries, Idaho

MINUTES

Attendees: Carol Humphrey Mike LaPlante Dave Cox
Dan Hammes Richard Schumacker Ron Hodge

Staff: Chuck Lloyd, *CEO* Lori Minier, *CFO* Rachel Ewert, *DNS*
Rebecca Plante, *Exec. Assistant/Board Secretary*

Other: Phil Lampert, County Commissioner

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Humphrey opened the meeting at 8:04 a.m.
2. **Regular Session**
3. **Approve Minutes** – A **motion** made by Hodge, second by LaPlante, to approve the meeting minutes from May 26, 2022 and June 8, 2022. The motion passed.
4. **Open Forum/Visitors** – None.
5. **Board Committee Reports**
 - 5.1. **Performance Improvement Committee** – Schumacker stated that the PI committee did not meet this month. The next quarterly meeting will be July 12th.
 - 5.2. **Finance Committee** – Hammes stated that the finance report was given in the Finance Committee meeting prior to the Board meeting.
 - 5.2.1. **May Financials** – A **motion** made by Hammes, second by Cox, to approve the May Financials. The motion passed.
 - 5.2.2. **BeaconMedaes Contract** – The BeaconMedaes contract is for preventative maintenance of the medical gas system. Cost: \$13,433 (*\$200 less than last year*). A **motion** made by LaPlante, second by Cox, to approve the BeaconMedaes contract. The motion passed.
 - 5.2.3. **ER Safe Room Quote** – Ewert explained that the gate system for the ER safe room will consist of three gates. The quote is for the gates only. Ewert will reach out to other hospitals to see what they have done for their safe rooms. A **motion** made by Hammes, second by LaPlante, to approve the costs associated with making room ‘A’ a “safe room,” with Admin taking a hard look at this (purchase of door and cost of installation). The motion passed.
 - 5.2.4. **PT AquaCiser Quote** – Minier reported that the return on investment for the PT AquaCiser is 5-years, with an anticipated useful life of 8-years. Minier will look into 60

months for financing, at \$1,600/month. A **motion** made by Hodge, second by Hammes, to approve the purchase of the PT AquaCiser. The motion passed.

5.3. Board Nominations and Bylaws/Policy Committee – No report at this time.

5.4. Medical Staff Committee – Hodge stated that the June Med staff meeting was brief. The Medical Staff will have an education session with an attorney on appropriate documentation in July. The Medical Staff also discussed a change with the advance directive forms to include a section for pregnant women.

6. Medical Staff – *Dr. Wester was absent but communicated prior to the meeting that he had no Medical Staff items to bring to the Board, other than the Medical Staff appointments.*

6.1. Initial Appointments

6.1.1. **Keith McCullough, PA-C** – Keith McCullough is a PA with the KH Radiology group. He will perform Fluoroscopy studies at BCH starting this fall. A **motion** made by Hodge, second by Hammes, to approve the initial appointment of Keith McCullough. The motion passed.

6.2. Reappointments

6.2.1. **Juergen Lang, MD** – Dr. Lang is one of our full-time ER Physicians. A **motion** made by Hodge, second by Cox, to approve the reappointment of Dr. Juergen Lang. The motion passed.

7. Contracts – No current contracts.

8. Administrative Reports/Questions – The Board and Administration had conversations regarding the following items: inflatable patient transfer mats (safer patient transfers for staff and patients) and surgical cases.

9. Follow-Up Items

9.1. COVID Update – Ewert stated that COVID numbers are up a little bit, but we are not seeing any admits. The COVID patients we are seeing have minor issues. We are not seeing the respiratory distress we saw previously. There are 11 COVID inpatients at Kootenai currently.

10. Communications

10.1. IHA Updates – Cuvala was absent.

10.2. BetterCARE Update – Hodge stated that BetterCARE has not met in-person recently. The golf tournament is on the schedule in August. BetterCARE has had some requests, looking into providing new wheelchairs for the ER; discussion followed.

11. Executive Session

At 8:27 a.m., a **motion** made by Hodge, 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: Humphrey, LaPlante, Hammes, Cox, Schumacker, Hodge, Lloyd, Minier, Ewert, and Plante. Ewert and Plante exited at 8:27 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

Rebecca Plante, Board Secretary

Carol Humphrey, Board Chairman