

BENEWAH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Thursday, August 25, 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 Peggy Cuvala Gary Green

Staff: Chuck Lloyd, *CEO* Lori Minier, *CFO* Carleen Walker, *ADNS*
Rachel Ewert, *DNS* Rebecca Plante, *Exec. Assistant/Board Secretary*
Cooper Wester, MD, *Chief of Staff*

Other: Phil Lampert, *County Commissioner*
Ron Hodge, *Community Member*
Ginny Oaks, *Community Member*

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Humphrey opened the meeting at 7:44 a.m.
2. **Regular Session**
 - 2.1. **Welcoming/Introduction of New Board Members Suzy Epler and Gary Green** – Epler was unable to attend the meeting due to issues with the conference line. Humphrey welcomed new Board member Gary Green. Green gave his background.
3. **Approve Minutes** – A **motion** made by LaPlante, second by Hammes, to approve the meeting minutes from July 21, 2022, July 28, 2022, and August 3, 2022. The motion passed.
4. **Open Forum/Visitors** – Community member Ron Hodge brought forth a service issue from another community member. *Oaks entered at 7:56 a.m.* Oaks asked the Board how the community can help the hospital as there is always criticism within the community, not the positive stories; discussion followed. *Oaks exited at 8:01 a.m.*
5. **Board Committee Reports**
 - 5.1. **Performance Improvement Committee** – Humphrey reported that the PI Committee meets quarterly with their next meeting in October.
 - 5.2. **Finance Committee** – Hammes stated that the finance report was given in the Finance Committee meeting prior to the Board meeting. Minier added that in the next few weeks, new signature cards will be completed with Banner Bank (requesting approval at the Special Board meeting next week).
 - 5.2.1. **July Financials** – A **motion** made by Hammes, second by Cox, to approve the July Financials. The motion passed.

5.3. Board Nominations and Bylaws/Policy Committee

5.3.1. *Discuss Committee Assignments* – Cox stated that the committee will be meeting to discuss the two policies recommended by the Auditors as well as appointing a new Vice Chairman.

5.4. Medical Staff Committee – Cuvala reported that the August Medical Staff meeting was cancelled.

6. Medical Staff – Dr. Wester did not have anything to report from the Medical Staff. Plante gave a recruitment update, and Dr. Wester gave input from a Physician’s perspective; discussion followed.

7. Contracts

7.1. Robert Seeley, MD Contract – Minier stated that Dr. Seeley is an ER Physician starting at the end of September as a PRN “as-needed” provider. He has worked at KH for the last 12-years. A **motion** made by Hammes, second by Cox, to approve the contract for ER Physician Robert Seeley, MD. The motion passed. *Wester exited at 8:12 a.m.*

8. Administrative Reports/Questions – The Board and Administration had conversations regarding the following items: Patient navigator position; Chemotherapy/Outpatient responsibilities; Ewert will be staying on PRN as she leaves the DNS role; Family Medicine Physician need; The \$100,000 of County support previously dedicated to charity care; Nursing Scholarship program; Transfer agreement with Kootenai Health. Plante reminded the Board that the Conflict-of-Interest attestation needs to be signed by the Board annually. Administration’s updated Project Spreadsheet was handed out at the meeting. Reminder: Special Board meeting September 7th for Board education. Lampert thanked Hodge for his years of service on the BCH Board; discussion followed.

9. Follow-Up Items – No current items.

10. Communications

10.1. IHA Updates – Cuvala stated that IHA met August 15th. There has been a lot of discussion regarding changes in the abortion law and EMTALA rules on pregnancy. All states are in a state of worker shortages and increased labor costs due to expense of travelers. Cuvala will be attending the IHA Conference in Sun Valley in October.

10.2. BetterCARE Update – Hodge stated that BetterCARE had a Scrubby Bear golf tournament in August. There were 22 participants with approx. \$4,000 raised.

11. Executive Session

At 8:41a.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: Humphrey, LaPlante, Hammes, Cox, Cuvala, Green, Lampert, Lloyd, Minier, Ewert, Plante, Walker, and Hodge.

Ewert, Walker, Plante and Hodge exited at 8:41 a.m.

Lampert exited at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Plante, Board Secretary

Carol Humphrey, Board Chairman