

BENEWAH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Thursday, November 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 Gary Green Suzy Epler
Peggy Cuvala

Staff: Chuck Lloyd, *CEO* Lori Minier, *CFO* Carleen Walker, *ADNS*
Rebecca Plante, *Exec. Assistant/Board Secretary*
Dr. Cooper Wester, *Chief of Staff* Kristi Masterson, *Quality*

Other: Phil Lampert, County Commissioner

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Humphrey opened the meeting at 7:45 a.m.
2. **Regular Session**
3. **Approve Minutes** – A **motion** made by Hammes, second by Cuvala, to approve the meeting minutes from October 27, 2022, and November 8, 2022. The motion passed.
4. **Open Forum/Visitors**
 - 4.1. **Kristi Masterson, Quality Update** – Kristi Masterson reported on a recent conference she attended with the Bureau of Rural Health and Primary Care (*paid for with grant*) and shared a patient engagement survey comparison document comparing BCH to other CAHs in Idaho (based on last years’ data). *Epler exited at 7:48 a.m. Epler entered at 7:49 a.m.* BCH is doing very well! *Masterson exited at 7:55 a.m.*
5. **Board Committee Reports**
 - 5.1. **Performance Improvement Committee** – Humphrey reported that the next PI Committee meeting will be in January. Humphrey added that it is great to learn about the departments’ projects, goals, and staff collaboration.
 - 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. **October Financials** – A **motion** made by Hammes, second by Cox, to approve the September Financials. The motion passed. *Lloyd exited at 8:01 a.m.*
 - 5.3. **Board Nominations and Bylaws/Policy Committee**
 - 5.3.1. **Governing Board Bylaws Annual Review** – Cox stated that the Bylaws were given out at the last Board meeting, and he has not received any recommendations for changes. If you have any requested changes, please contact Cox or Plante.

5.3.2. **Discuss 2023 Committee Assignments** – Cox stated that Humphrey has been talking with Board members about 2023 Committee Assignments. Item to be discussed at the December meeting.

6. **Medical Staff Committee** – Cuvala stated that Plante covered all items from the November Medical Staff meeting in her Board report.

7. **Medical Staff**

7.1. **Reappointments**

7.1.1. **Kyle Ewert, DDS** –Plante stated that the Medical Staff is recommending the reappointment of Kyle Ewert, DDS and approved his file at their November meeting. It is a requirement of our swing bed program to have a Dentist credentialed for any swing bed dental emergencies. A **motion** made by Cuvala, second by LaPlante, to approve Kyle Ewert, DDS for reappointment. The motion passed. *Lloyd entered at 8:07 a.m.*

8. **Contracts** - None

9. **Administrative Reports/Questions** – The Board and Administration had conversations regarding the following items: Clinic Office Coordinator position; Clinicals for CNA program; The WAMMI program; Resident Physician coming for a rotation in December; CEO Alliance meeting discussions; General Surgeon applicant; Recruitment.

10. **Follow-Up Items** – Lampert reported that he spoke with the Commissioners about the hospital’s financials, and they agreed to a meeting with the Hospital Board and the Commissioners to discuss. Discussion regarding the ER designation hospital (COPs are out). *Wester entered at 8:21 a.m.*

11. **Communications**

11.1. **IHA Updates** – Cuvala stated that she participated in an election recap meeting the day after the election. The actual makeup of the house and senate are about the same for Democrat/Republican; discussion followed.

11.2. **BetterCARE Update** – No update.

12. **Executive Session**

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

Present at this time: Humphrey, LaPlante, Cox, Epler, Green, Cuvala, Hammes, Lloyd, Minier, Wester, and Plante

Walker and Minier exited at 8:23 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

Rebecca Plante, Board Secretary

Carol Humphrey, Board Chairman