

**Pend Oreille Hospital District
MINUTES
November 26, 2019**

A meeting of the **Board of Trustees of the Pend Oreille Hospital District** was held in the classroom at Bonner General Hospital.

Present: Tom Lawrence, MD, Tim Cochran, Jim Frank, Helen Parsons, Scott Burgstahler, and Bart Casey.
Others present: John Hennessy, Sharon Beeman, Mike from Sandpoint and Mike Brown.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Tom Lawrence, Chairman.

Business:

1. Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve Agenda was made by Jim Frank, seconded by Tim Cochran. The Agenda was approved, as is, by unanimous vote.
2. Election of Officers – Tom Lawrence opened the floor for nominations for officers, he also announced that John Hennessy will be leaving the area and this is his last POHD meeting. Scott Burgstahler nominated Tom Lawrence for Chairman, nomination seconded by Tim Cochran. No other nominations received. Vote for Tom Lawrence for Chairman was unanimous. Bart Casey nominated Tim Cochran for Vice Chairman, nomination seconded by Scott Burgstahler. No other nominations received. Vote for Tim Cochran for Vice Chairman was unanimous. Jim Frank nominated Sharon Beeman for Secretary, nomination seconded by Scott Burgstahler. No other nominations received. Vote for Sharon Beeman for Secretary was unanimous. Tim Cochran nominated Jim Frank for Treasurer, nomination seconded by Scott Burgstahler. No other nominations received. Vote for Jim Frank for Treasurer was unanimous.

Tim Cochran suggested that at the next meeting we make a Resolution about the signature needed for check signing.

3. Bart Casey made motion to correct item #5 of the 10/22/19 minutes to reflect that “Helen was sworn in by the Bonner County Court on October 4, 2019” and approve the minutes of the October 22, 2019 meeting with the above correction. The motion was seconded by Tim Cochran. The Minutes, with the correction, were approved by unanimous vote.
4. The District Trustees acknowledged receipt of Bonner County Warrants one dated November 6, 2019 in the amount of \$20,271.49 and one dated November 9, 2019 in the amount of \$2,808.72. Motion was made by Scott Burgstahler to accept receipt of the checks, motion was seconded by Jim Frank. Approved by unanimous vote.
5. Tom Lawrence reviewed the September Finances for the POHD Clinics. Handouts were given to each member present. Funding Requests for POHD Clinics are as follows:
 - a. Sandpoint Women’s Health: \$115,219
 - b. Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic: \$22,060
 - c. Behavioral Health Clinic: \$47,791

Total Clinic Funding Request for the month (Rental and Net Losses): \$185,070

Motion was made by Scott Burgstahler to approve the SWH funding request, Jim Frank seconded the motion. Motion to approve SWH funding was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Scott Burgstahler to approve the ENT funding request, Tim Cochran seconded the motion. Motion to approve ENT funding was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Scott Burgstahler to approve the Behavioral Health funding request, Jim Frank seconded the motion. Motion was approved by unanimous vote. Tom Lawrence noted that Mental Health was a major item identified by Panhandle Health for our Community in the coming year.

6. Letter to the Editor in the Daily Bee. Article written by one of our Trustees was handed out for review. Tom Lawrence explained the amount of money that is raised by the Foundation is designated for the Hospital. Even though we earmarked ENT as part of that, on a yearly basis the Foundation does not know how much money they will get, last year they got the most money they have ever raised. It was earmarked for ENT but it is not a requirement of the Foundation to give all of it for ENT, it is the Hospital's money to use as they see fit. The concern about this article is that the Foundation did pay Bonner General Hospital for the ENT equipment, but the ENT equipment that the POHD purchased is for the clinic which is what we are responsible to run. We are legally responsible to run that Clinic. The reason to have Bonner General Hospital buy it is that they are a not-for-profit organization and they do not have to pay sales tax and they get good pricing from the vendors, rather than someone individually trying to do it. The rest of the money raised by the Foundation went for inpatient equipment and there is a lot of equipment needed for ENT surgery, all of the scopes for every orifice in your face has to have a different light source, scope and cautery, so there is a lot of money needed for inpatient. Also noted is the fact that the BGH Foundation is a separate entity from Bonner General Hospital. Other discussion was held regarding the POHD and how the laws have changed since it's inception. Also concern was voiced that these issues are not discussed at the meeting and facts obtained, so at least the truth can be put in the paper.
7. 2019 Audit Contract. John Hennessy gave an update on his search for different Auditors for this year's audit. He reached out to 3 more firms: Clifton-Larson-Allen, Wipfli, and Moss Adams. They each had access to the POHD minutes from the website. After that Clifton-Larson-Allen did not respond, Wipfli did not respond, and Moss Adams called back and said they would make a proposal and they were told the proposal was need by November 26, 2019 and John has not heard back from them and does not expect a proposal to come in. They had 3 partners on the call and they asked if there was anymore legal allegations because they read back to the January minutes and they really didn't want to touch that. Tom Lawrence noted that if they read the last letter to the Editor they will understand there are still some possible ongoing legal issues. A time limit of this 11/26/19 was stated at the last meeting and Audit information gathering will start in January. Discussion on the audit process was held. It was noted that Eide Bailly is a third party, independent Auditing Firm, who used all CPAs for their audits and have a very good reputation. Motion was made by Bart Casey to retain Eide Bailly for the 2019 POHD Audit, motion was seconded by Jim Frank. Motion was approved by unanimous vote. Jim Frank noted that we have searched for other Auditing firms for 2 years now and we can not find a company willing to take on the POHD due to our legal issues that have come up.
8. Next Meeting is December 17, 2019.
9. Scott Burgstahler made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Tim Cochran and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Beeman,
POHD Secretary