

Pend Oreille Hospital District
MINUTES
October 27, 2020

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

Present: Tom Lawrence, Scott Burgstahler, Jim Frank, Helen Parsons, and Bart Casey. Dan Rose attended by phone. Others present: Sharon Beeman and Julie Hoffman. Public notice was posted on the POHD website on how to join the meeting – no callers other than Dan Rose joined.

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

Business:

1. Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve agenda made by Scott Burgstahler, seconded by Jim Frank. The Agenda was approved by 4 yea votes.
2. Approval of Minutes. The motion to approve the minutes from the September 30, 2020 meeting was made by Bart Casey, seconded by Scott Burgstahler. Minutes were approved by 4 yea votes, 1 nay vote.
3. Treasurer's Report. Jim Frank reviewed the Treasurer's Report that was included in the meeting packet. Discussion was held. The District Trustees acknowledged receipt of a Bonner County Warrant, dated September 30, 2020 in the amount of \$1,723.93. Receipt of this check was acknowledged by the Board. The current bank balance as of today is \$45,032.86.
4. Funding Requests for the POHD. Funding Requests for POHD Clinics are as follows:
 - a. **Sandpoint Women's Health: \$103,001** Dr. Lawrence noted that the medical supplies are up this month due to buying birth control stock in bulk to get lower pricing. Dr. Lawrence asked that each clinic's bill be acknowledged individually. Dan Rose made the motion to amend the motion to say "request" instead of "bill", seconded by Jim Frank. Scott Burgstahler made the motion to acknowledge the amount of the funding request for SWH, seconded by Jim Frank. Motion approved by 4 yea votes, 1 nay vote.
 - b. **Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic: \$41,079** Jim Frank made the motion to acknowledge the amount of the funding request for ENT, seconded by Scott Burgstahler. Motion approved by 4 yea votes, 1 nay vote.
 - c. **Behavioral Health Clinic: \$29,456** Jim Frank made the motion to acknowledge the amount of the funding request for Behavioral Health, seconded by Scott Burgstahler. Motion approved by 4 yea votes, 1 nay vote.

Total Clinic Funding Request for the month (Rental and Net Losses): \$173,536. Chairman Lawrence noted that we clearly do not have the amount in our bank account, so he opened discussion of what we want to do with the funding requests. Discussion was held regarding options, possible bills that may come in near future, future requests that we will not be able to fund. Chairman Lawrence noted that at the end of the year all money we have in our account needs to be paid out so tax money has been properly spent. Discussion on actual dates, balance, etc. was held. Chairman Lawrence will seek legal advice on some of these points and report back at the next meeting. Helen Parsons made the motion to pay the Behavioral Health Clinic request of \$29,456, seconded by Scott Burgstahler. Motion approved by 4 yea votes, 1 nay vote. Behavioral Health Clinic request will be paid and will hold the rest on the books.

5. Review of Clinic Services Agreement between BGH and POHD, February 28, 2019 – page 4 & 5 was done by Chairman Lawrence regarding funding of the clinics (included in the meeting packet). Chairman Lawrence noted that the Agreement says we can not grant the request for funding in an amount that exceeds the maximum amount of tax revenue. It also states that our inability to pay this money does not in any way have anything to do with a breach of the Agreement with Bonner General Health and that it is totally up to

us, as a Board, of what to pay. Jim Frank reported on the Finance Committee meeting that was held 10/22/20. Unfortunately, one of the committee members that was present was unable to attend as a guest, Dan Rose, showed up not wearing a mask, and Scott Burgstahler felt very uncomfortable due possible to COVID exposure, and had to leave. At was noted that we need to address this possibility of it happening about at future meetings. Dan Rose stated that, for the record, he has a doctors medical exemption to not wear a mask. Scott Burgstahler noted that for the record, that he is trying to protect 70 residents at his nursing home from getting the COVID virus again. Jim Frank requested that Dan submit a copy of the written doctors exemption for the record – not with the medical problem listed, but with the doctor stating he was exempt. Dan said he did not need to give that due to HIPAA. Dan was then asked by Jim to repeat his exemption and Dan said he would not repeat it. Chairman Lawrence noted that the hospital rules are clear, all persons, staff, visitors, and patients are required to answer screening questions and wear a mask in the hospital. Dan said this was not true and that hospital policy would be changing. More Finance Committee discussion was held. Dan asked about what the 1979 Agreement had to do with the 2019 Agreement – discussion was held on this.

6. Next Meeting is November 24, 2020.
7. With no other business to be brought before the Board, Scott Burgstahler made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Frank and was approved by 5 Yea votes. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Beeman,
POHD Secretary