

Pend Oreille Hospital District
MINUTES
February 23, 2021

A meeting of the **Board of Trustees of the Pend Oreille Hospital District** was held by phone only.

Present: (all by phone) Tom Lawrence, Tim Cochran, Scott Burgstahler, Helen Parsons, Dan Rose, and Bart Casey. Others present: Julie Hoffman, and Sharon Beeman. Public Notice was posted on the POHD website on how to join the meeting – Gene Fields joined the call.

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 Tim Cochran, seconded by Scott Burgstahler. Dan Rose moved to amend the agenda to include the timely submission of the H0115 changes being made to the current existing law be introduced to this meeting. No seconded received – failed. Dan Rose moved to amend the agenda to add as #11, action item/discussion/decision publication of candidate filing deadline. No second – failed. Dan Rose moved to amend the agenda to add as #11 action item/discussion election compliance. No second – failed. The Agenda was approved by 5 yea votes, 1 nay vote.
2. Approval of Minutes. The motion to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2021 meeting was made by Bart Casey, seconded by Scott Burgstahler. Dan Rose moved to insert the question and answer that occurred in paragraph 4, that is backed by audio recording, “what is the difference between delay and deny, in which the Chair replied, spelling.” No second – failed. Dan Rose made motion to insert in paragraph 5, top of page 2, the Chair stated that the Agreement that we signed with BGH does all of the billing for the clinics. “It is impossible, Dan, to separate out the In- and the Out-patient in that setting at all. Needs to be done all in one organization.” No second – fails. Dan Rose made the motion to insert in paragraph 6 - The Chairman was asked “when did the Legal Affairs Committee last meet? I don’t think they have to answer that Dan,” backed by audio recording. No second received – failed. Dan Rose moved to insert in paragraph 6, bottom of page 2, that the Chairman stated, Dan, I would personally make a motion that we eliminate one of our Board members but I am not allowed to make motions and I’m not going to follow any of your craziness,” also backed by audio recording. No second received – failed. Dan Rose made a motion to insert in paragraph 7, the Dan Rose motion “that the Chairs decision on Bylaws be made by the Executive Committee and not the whole Board of Trustees,” as the audio recording establishes. No second – Fails. Minutes were approved by 5 yea votes and 1 nay vote.
3. Treasurer’s Report. Four Bonner County Warrants have been received. One dated 12/28/20 for \$5,351.39, one dated, 1/21/21 for \$674,269.80, one dated 2/4/21 for \$21,276.47, and one dated 2/5/21 for \$26,293.86 for a total of \$727,191.52. The current bank balance is \$737,551.28. Discussion was held regarding new check numbers the County is using – no conclusion.
4. Letter from Bonner County Assessor. Letter was reviewed and discussed. Dan Rose moved that we, the POHD, send a letter to the Bonner County Assessor & Treasurer, thanking them for the admission of the error and that the POHD is willing to forego the \$4,556.04 of receipt and required no recalculation of the property tax roll by any legal position. No second received. Failed.

5. Funding Requests for the POHD. Funding Requests for POHD Clinics are as follows:

- a. **Sandpoint Women's Health: \$55,719**
- b. **Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic: \$40,882**
- c. **Behavioral Health Clinic: \$13,949**

Total: \$110,550

Motion was made by Bart Casey to fund the January clinic requests of \$110,550, seconded by Scott Burgstahler. Approved by 5 yea votes, 1 nay vote.

6. Bylaw Changes. Chairman Lawrence explained the need for the changes from the Bylaws written in 1974. This will bring us more up-to-date with how the POHD currently functions in running the 3 clinics. Dan Rose made the motion to move the consideration to the Executive Committee as this will be an elaborate process that we can not do here today and pass this determination on the Executive Committee. No second received - failed. Scott Burgstahler moved to accept the Bylaws with some corrections and typographic errors on page 3. Seconded by Tim Cochran. Discussion to correct last sentence of Article IV, Section 1 – insert “have” after the Executive Committee shall “have”..... In Section 2 – remove second period at end of first sentence. More discussion was held as to who drafted the Bylaws and when decisions were made. Dan Rose moved that this be moved to the Executive Committee for consideration. No second received – failed. More discussion was held. Dan Rose made the motion: Article III, Section 5 – the first sentence should read: “The President shall act as Chairperson of all meetings and Robert Rules will have the authority to set rule for conducting meetings to facilitate meetings in an orderly manner.” No second received – failed. Dan Rose moved that Roberts Rules be inserted in Section 5. No second – Failed. Dan Rose made the motion on Article III, Section 8 – add “the location of the regular meetings will be held off-campus at the Bonner County Public building or the public library but not the private organization of BGH. No second received. Failed. Scott Burgstahler made the motion on Article IV, Section 1, last sentence to insert “have” after the Executive Committee shall “have”..... Approved by 6 yea votes. Tim Cochran made the motion to change Article IV, Section 2 that the Chairperson will serve as an adhoc committee member of the Executive Committee. Approved by 6 yea votes. Dan Rose moved that Article III, Section 6 – the Secretary Duties, the last phrase of the sentence include “as directed by the Board and as provided by law.” No second – failed. Dan Rose moved that Article III, Section 7, last phrase add, “and otherwise provided by law.” No second – failed. Dan Rose moved that in Article III, Section 2 – to include time frame language that states: “The Hospital District Board, at it’s first regular meeting, following the biannual election of Trustees, shall elect or appoint” a President,..... Seconded by Tim Cochran. Approved by 6 yea votes. Additional discussion was held regarding notice of proposed Bylaws. Dan Rose moved the Bylaws discussion be tabled due to improper notification. Chairman Lawrence noted that they were sent to all Trustees on Tuesday, February 16th via email. Other members verified they received theirs 2/16/21 at 3:52 pm. Helen Parsons made the motion to have approved edits made to the Bylaws and redistributed for review before they are approved. Seconded by Dan Rose. Motion failed by 2 Yea votes to 3 Nay votes. Motion to approve the Bylaws with the corrections that we have inserted. Approved by 3 Yea votes to 2 nay votes. The corrections will be sent to everyone to all can see the corrections that were made.
7. Rules for meetings. Chairman Lawrence noted that these were passed out before and are intended to improve our process and communications. These were included in the Board Packet. Dan Rose made the motion that we adopt the rules defined by Roberts Rules of Order, which are common for open meetings. No second received – failed. Chairman called for a motion to approve – none received. Dan Rose made a motion to table the Meeting Rules indefinitely. No second received – failed. Scott Burgstahler moved to table the Meeting Rules until next month’s meeting. Seconded by Tim Cochran. Approved by 5 yea votes, 1 nay vote.

8. Future Meetings. With COVID numbers declining, we may be able to start meeting in person again. Discussed mask requirements. Scott Burgstahler voiced he requests all members to wear masks due to his job of protecting his patients from COVID. Dan Rose states he has a medical exemption from wearing a mask or face covering and he will not compromise his rights. It is not known how we will solve this issue at this point.
9. Idaho Code 39-1318. The changes have been approved by the House but are currently being considered by the Senate. Chairman Lawrence feels we should wait to discuss them until we know if it passes or not. A copy of these will be sent to each Trustee and each member can respond to the Senate regarding their personal feelings as they feel appropriate. Discussion was held as to these changes. Dan Rose moved for a roll call vote under the POHD hat, that the POHD Board approve and authorize the Chair and/or Secretary to draft and send a letter to Senator Woodard a letter that includes "POHD opposition to H0115, which removes the prohibition of ad valorem tax funding to jurisdictions not within the district." No second received – failed. Scott Burgstahler made the motion to table the Idaho Code discussion until next month. Seconded by Helen Parsons. Approved by 5 yea votes, 1 nay vote.
10. Next Meeting is March 23, 2021.
11. With no other business to be brought before the Board, Dan Rose made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Scott Burgstahler and was approved by 6 Yea votes. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Beeman,
POHD Secretary