

Pend Oreille Hospital District
MINUTES
July 28, 2026

A meeting of the **Board of Trustees of the Pend Oreille Hospital District** was held in the HSB Monarch/Cabinet Room.

Present: Chair: Tom Lawrence, Dwayne Sheffler, Bart Casey, Chad Bailey, Tim Cochran and Whitney Lilly.

Others present: John Hennessy, CEO, Skyler Twidt, CFO, Erin Binnall, Clinic Director and Kim Kichenmaster, Secretary

Attendance on MS Teams: None

Public Attendance: Cynthia Dalsing

The meeting was called to order at 7:00AM by Tom Lawrence.

Business:

1. **Approval of Agenda.** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Bart seconded by Whitney. Approved by 5 yea votes.
2. **Approval of Minutes** from June 22, 2026. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Tim seconded by Dwayne. Approved by 5 yea votes.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** The June Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Skyler T., CFO.

Beginning balance **6/1/26 \$224,994.63**

County Warrant deposits: Received 2 County Warrants on **6/8/2026 for a total of \$42,620.59.**

Payment to Bonner Bee for publishing Audit \$1,298.66; Payments to BGH **\$173,457.94 for May** clinic funding.
Account balance end of **June \$92,858.62.**

July activity to 7/20/26 –Received 3 County Warrants for \$541,912.90 total with today's **account balance being \$634,771.52.**

Dwayne made the motion to approve receipt of the County Warrants and accept the Treasurers Report seconded by Whitney. Approved by 5 yea votes.

4. Funding requests for June POHD Clinics are as follows (low volume month with provider vacations):

	June
a. Sandpoint Women's Health:	\$39,687.95
b. Behavioral Health Clinic	\$51,121.95
c. Ophthalmology Clinic	\$54,996.95

Total Funding Request for June Clinic \$145,806.85

Bart made the motion to fully fund. Discussion was held and Dwayne seconded. Approved by 5 yea votes.

5. **Public Comment:** Cynthia Dalsing reported on the births from licensed midwives in the state of Idaho. With about 160 births in Bonner & Boundary County in 2025 and even busier in 2026. Concerns were raised over the 7B Care Clinic that is performing ultrasounds and providing prescriptions for STD's and abortion reversal.
6. **Board Education:** Ophthalmology Clinic update by Mark Torres, MD

Upgrades have been completed to surgical gear in the operating room. Need more surgical days to keep up with the demand – receiving upwards of 20 referrals a week. 1500 cases have been done since August 2020.
7. **Open Discussion:**

Last quarter Towne Hall was on Women's Health – this quarter it will be on Behavioral Health on September 23rd at the Marigold Bistro.

Rural Health update – nothing new. Visit from Department of Health and Welfare indicated we should be able to apply for grants in the next couple of weeks. Plan to apply for funding for the Procedural Suites and CT Machine about \$5M.

8. Next meeting is August 25, 2026 . The meeting will be in the HSB Monarch/Cabinet Room at 7 a.m.
9. With no other business to be brought before the Board, Bart made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Dwayne and was approved, 5 yea votes. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 am.

Respectfully submitted, Kim Kichenmaster, Secretary