



Kittitas County Public Hospital District #2

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday: April 20, 2020
Minutes of: Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Meeting Place: Remote via telephone
Minutes Submitted By: Scott Olander, Treasurer

Call to Order:

Regular Meeting: Call to order made by Commissioner Rogalski at 6:30 p.m.

Introductions:

Commissioners: Floyd Rogalski, Melissa Becker, Fred Benjamin, Hartwig Vatheuer (excused) and Kevin Nicholson. Superintendent: Julie Petersen; Treasurer: Scott Olander; Ancillary Operations: Rhonda Holden; EMS Manager: Geoff Scherer.

Approval of Agenda:

Action: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Nicholson and seconded by Commissioner Benjamin. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Action: A motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2020 Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Benjamin and seconded by Commissioner Nicholson. Motion carried.

Public Comments/Announcements/Correspondence:

None.

Operations Report:

The Commissioners reviewed the written operations report and operating statistics for March 2020. There were a total of 54 transports in March; 15 below the monthly budget. YTD Medic One is 26 transports below budget. The negative variance in transports is related to the Governor's stay at home and social distancing orders. Julie commented that patient volume in the hospital and in KVH's clinics is 50% of normal due to Covid-19 fears and the stay at home order. Geoff advised that Medic 8, (the new ambulance) is expected to be completed the end of June 2020. The later delivery date is due to pandemic related work slowdowns. M7 is back in service and M6 is in the repair shop for brake and differential work. In preparation for Covid-19 patient transports Geoff has spent a lot of time attending Incident Command meetings.

Superintendent's Report:

Julie reported that KVH has been focused on Covid-19 related preparations. Julie added that KVH ER visits is 50% of normal and surgery volume is down over 60%. As Covid-19 has evolved in Kittitas County the focus has shifted to patient care in the long term care facilities and containing Covid-19 in the facility if patients or staff become infected. Vice Admiral Bono recently visited KVH and was impressed with KVH's Covid-19 plans and preparation. Kittitas County's current Covid-19 infection rate is low and stable, however there is concern that the infection rate in the fall will increase and there will be a surge of Covid-19 patients.

Ancillary Report:

The Commissioners reviewed the written ancillary report. Rhonda advised that ancillary services at KVH have reopened for non-emergent scheduled services.

Finance Report:

The financial statements for March 2020 were reviewed by the Commissioners. The review included a review of actual versus budgeted revenue and expense variances. As noted by Geoff during the Operations Report, March transports were below budget by 15 transports. YTD transports are 26 transports below budget. Total Revenue for March is \$31,913 below budget. March contractual adjustments had a positive variance of \$26,708 because the Health Care Authority is including estimates for GEMT funding with the Medicaid and MCO payments. If transport volumes continue to decline there may be repayment required of excess GEMT payments. Overall expenses for March exceeded budget by \$10,001. Wages exceeded budget by \$6,129 due to backfilling for a medical leave. Supplies exceeded budget by \$8,068 because District 2 purchased some extra PPE supplies that were available. Medic one posted a Net Loss for March of \$6,537 compared to budgeted Net Income of \$5,784 a negative variance of \$12,321. YTD Net Income is \$8,326; a negative variance of \$7,034.

Action: A motion to approve the checks for March was made by Commissioner Nicholson and seconded by Commissioner Benjamin. Motion carried.

Ambulance Garage:

Rhonda provided an update about garage site tree removal and site preparation plans. She mentioned that there will need to be coordination with the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Ecology to prepare the site for the garage. The city of Cle Elum is willing to work with the District to rezone the property and join land parcels.

Executive Session:

There was no executive session.

New Business:

Next regular meeting date: May 18, 2020 at KVH Family Medicine Cle Elum. Due to the Covid19 outbreak the meeting may be done via telephone or via teleconference.

Announcements:

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. by Commissioner Rogalski.