



Kittitas County Public Hospital District #2

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday: November 18, 2019
Minutes of: Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Meeting Place: KVH Family Medicine Clinic, Cle Elum, WA
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 (excused), Fred Benjamin, Kevin Nicholson and Hartwig Vatheuer. 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 October 21, 2019 Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Nicholson and seconded by Commissioner Benjamin. Motion carried.

Action: A motion to approve the minute of the November 4, 2019 Special Meeting was made by Commissioner Benjamin and seconded by Commissioner Nicholson. Motion carried.

Public Comments/Announcements/Correspondence:

Commissioner Bill Dickinson from Fire District 7 spoke as a community member and expressed concern about the impression in the community that Hospital District 2 intended to concentrate all of the District's ambulances in the large, new ambulance garage being planned for Cle Elum. Commissioner Dickinson was concerned that concentrating ambulances in Cle Elum would lead to delayed responses for upper county residents. Commissioner Rogalski assured Commissioner Diskinson that District 2 did not intend to concentrate ambulances at the Cle Elum ambulance station and that the District 2 still hoped to base an ambulance and ambulance crew in the District 7 fire station.

Operations Report:

The Commissioners reviewed the written operations report and operating statistics for October 2019. Geoff Scherer reported that October transports were below budget by 27 transports, a negative variance of 37.5%. YTD we are now 21 transports below budget and 10 transports below the District's 2018 transports, a 1.5% negative variance. Geoff feels that the significant October transport will return to normal levels once winter weather and winter road conditions arrive. Geoff reported that Medic 5 continues to have problems with the AC. Braun worked on the AC unit but it failed before Geoff was able to drive it back to Cle Elum. Braun was called send a driver to pick-up Medic 5 so that they could repair it again.

Geoff is tracking out-of-county transports so that he is able to reimburse crew members for their new per diem meal allowance in accordance with the new labor agreement.

There was discussion regarding ambulance crews leaving the station and eating out at local restaurants. Commissioners are concerned that it appears the crews are not working and not available for transports. Geoff will develop guidelines that encourages crews to have their meals at the ambulance station.

Superintendent's Report:

The Commissioners reviewed the written report for November 2019. Julie commented that Hospital District 1 open labor negotiations with WSNA and that we do not expect any problems in reaching an agreement. In addition, she noted that Hospital District 1 voted in two new Commissioners. Julie announced that the move in of Family Medicine of Ellensburg and KVH Pediatrics to the Medical Arts Center is scheduled for February 17, 2020.

Julie asked if District 2 Commissioners would agree to write a letter of support for a 1/10th of 1% increase to the Kittitas County Sales tax to support Mental Health Programs in the County.

Action: A motion to approve writing a letter of support to increase Kittitas County Sales taxes 1/10th of 1% for Kittitas County Mental Health programs was made by Commissioner Vatheuer and seconded by Commissioner Nicholson. Motion carried.

Ancillary Report:

The Commissioners reviewed the written report for October 2019.

Finance Report:

The financial statements for October 2019 were reviewed by the Commissioners. The review included a review of actual versus budgeted revenue and expense variances. As noted in the Operations Report, October transports were below budget by 27 transports and YTD are now 21 transports below budget. The average charge per transport exceeded budgeted average charge per transport so YTD ambulance revenue still exceeds budget by \$26,112. 2019 Total Revenue through October is \$68,478 greater than budget and \$116,587 greater YTD 2018 Total Revenue. YTD Deductions from revenue adjustments were \$245,227 below budget due to receipt of a GEMT payments from the Managed Care Medicaid Insurance Companies. Overall expenses for October

were \$10,724 below budget and YTD are under budget by \$92,118. YTD Net Income is \$462,429 compared to budgeted YTD net income of \$27,573.

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

Open Door Clinic:

No report.

Ambulance Station:

Rhonda provided an update about the ambulance station project time line, site plan and floor plan development. Commissioners asked that landscaping around the building follow a minimalist approach that is inexpensive to maintain.

Executive Session:

There was no executive session.

New Business:

Next regular meeting date: December 16, 2019 at KVH Family Medicine Cle Elum.

Announcements:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. by Commissioner Rogalski.