



REGULAR OPEN MEETING MINUTES

The **first** regular meeting of the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for the year 2024 was held on Wednesday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m. through a hybrid meeting model.

Quorum was maintained for the duration of the meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Chair S. Hewat	RDCK Village of Kaslo	In-Person
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(RDCK)

Director G. Jackman	Area A	In-Person
Director A. Watson	Area D	
Alternate Director J. Smienk	Area E	
Director T. Newell	Area F	
Director H. Cunningham	Area G	
Director W. Popoff	Area H	
Director A. Davidoff	Area I	
Director T. Weatherhead	Area K	In-Person
Director B. Bogle	City of Castlegar	
Director T. Zeleznik	Village of Naksup	
Director K. Page	City of Nelson	In-Person
Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo	
Director L. Main	Village of Silverton	
Director E. Buller	Village of Slocan	

(RDKB)

Director A. Grieve	Area A
Alternate Director B. Edwards	Area B
Director G. McGregor	Area C
Director L. Wiese	Area D
Director S. Gibbs	Area E
Director B. Wenman	Village of Fruitvale
Director E. Baker	City of Grand Forks
Director J. McLean	Village of Greenwood
Director J. Willsey	Village of Midway
Director J. Weaver	City of Rossland
Director T. Martin	City of Trail
Director F. Marino	Village of Warfield

ELECTED DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Director C. Graham	RDCK Area E
Director H. Hanegraaf	RDCK Area J
Director L. Casley	RDCK Village of New Denver
Director L. Worley	RDCK Area B
Director D. Berriault	Village of Montrose

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. S. Horn	Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. M. Morrison	RDCK Corporate Officer
Ms. A. Lund	Meeting Coordinator

INTERIOR HEALTH

Mr. L. DeBest	Executive Director, Clinical Operations – Kootenay
Mr. T. Mastel	Corporate Director, Business Operations
Ms. D. Jansons	Renal Program Director

Join by Video:

<https://nelsonho.webex.com/nelsonho/j.php?MTID=mdba8c7a03b21dc0022cd4ef82f94d128>

Join by phone:

+1-604-449-3026 Canada Toll (Vancouver)

Meeting number (access code): 2774 356 9070

Meeting password: 9tmYf5meJT9 (98693563 from phones)

Proceedings are open to the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Stuart Horn, Secretary/Treasurer, assumed the chair at 6:03 p.m.

2. ELECTION

2.1 ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR

Stuart Horn called for nominations the first time.

Directors Hewat and Marino were nominated.

Stuart Horn called for nominations a second and third time.

Opportunity for Candidates to Address the Board

Directors Hewat and Marino each gave a two-minute address.

Vote by Secret Ballot

Directors provided their votes by email to Stuart Horn and Angela Lund.

Declaration of Elected or Acclaimed Board Chair

After collecting the votes, Stuart and Angela exited the room and counted the ballots.

Director Hewat was declared the Chair for 2024.

2.2 ELECTION OF ACTING CHAIR

Stuart Horn called for nominations the first time.

Director Marino was nominated.

Stuart Horn called for nominations a second and third time.

Declaration of Elected or Acclaimed Acting Chair

Director Marion was declared the Acting Chair by acclamation.

Destroy Ballots

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

01/24

That the emails sent for the election of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board Chair be permanently deleted.

Carried

3. CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Chair Hewat thanked the Board for their support and looks forward to working with everyone.

4. ACTING CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Acting Chair Marino thanked the Board for their support and looks forward to working with everyone.

Chair Hewat assumed the Chair.

5. WKBRHD APPOINTMENTS

5.1 Appointment of Directors

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

02/24

That the following Regional District Directors/Alternate Directors be appointed as **Directors** of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for 2024:

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Garry Jackman, Electoral Area A
Aimee Watson, Electoral Area D
Cheryl Graham, Electoral Area E
Tom Newell, Electoral Area F
Hans Cunningham, Electoral Area G
Walter Popoff, Electoral Area H
Andy Davidoff, Electoral Area I
Henny Hanegraaf, Electoral Area J
Teresa Weatherhead, Electoral Area K
Brian Bogle, City of Castlegar
Suzan Hewat, Village of Kaslo
Tom Zeleznik, Village of Nakusp
Keith Page, City of Nelson
Leonard Casley, Village of New Denver
Diana Lockwood, Village of Salmo
Leah Main, Village of Silverton
Ezra Buller, Village of Slocan

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Ali Grieve, Electoral Area A
Linda Worley, Electoral Area B
Grace McGregor, Electoral Area C
Linda Kay Wiese, Electoral Area D
Sharen Gibbs, Electoral Area E
Bill Wenman, Village of Fruitvale
Everett Baker, City of Grand Forks
Jessica McLean, City of Greenwood
Judy Willsey, Village of Midway
Don Berriault, Village of Montrose
Jeff Weaver, City of Rossland
Terry Martin, City of Trail
Frank Marino, Village of Warfield

Carried

5.2 Appointment of Alternate Directors

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

03/24

That the following Regional District Alternate Directors/Directors be appointed as **Alternate Directors** of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for 2024:

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Gina Medhurst, Area A
Victoria McAllister, Area D
Josh Smienk, Area E
Eric White Area F
Isabelle Herzig, Area G
Amanda Verigin, Area H
Andy Ozeroff, Area I
Rick Smith, Area J
Paul Peterson, Area K
Maria McFaddin, City of Castlegar
Robert Lang, Village of Kaslo
Aidan McLaren-Caux, Village of Nakusp
Rik Logtenberg, City of Nelson
John Fyke, Village of New Denver
Jennifer Lins, Village of Salmo
Clarence Denbok, Village of Silverton

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Kirby Epp, Area A
Bill Edwards, Area B
Annie Rioux, Area C
Mona Mattai, Area D
Grant Harfman Area E
Steve Morissette, Village of Fruitvale
Gerry Shaw, City of Greenwood
Rod Zielinski, City of Grand Forks
Richard Dunsdon, Village of Midway
Mike Walsh, Village of Montrose
Andy Morel, City of Rossland
Colleen Jones, City of Trail
Ray Masleck, Village of Warfield

Jessica Lunn, Village of Slocan

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

04/24 That the Order of Business be changed to accommodate the delegations, with Item 7.1 Renal Services Presentation considered at this time.

Carried

ORDER OF THE AGENDA CHANGED Item 7.1 Renal Services Presentation was considered at this time.

7.1 RENAL SERVICES PRESENTATION

Donna Jansons, Renal Program Director Interior Health (IH),

Dr. Adeera Levin, Head, Division of Nephrology at UBC, Executive Director for BC Provincial Renal Agency

Dr. Marie Michaud, Nephrologist in Kelowna, BC, Renal Medical Director for Interior Health

Sarah Thomas, leads the BC Renal Agency's integrated palliative care project

Donna Jansons, Dr. Adeera Levin, Dr. M. Michaud and Sarah Thomas opened the floor for the Directors to provide comment or ask questions:

The following was discussed:

- the community advocacy in the Nelson and area for a kidney dialysis unit;
- the extensive travel time and costs for patients who require dialysis to go to the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital in Trail. BC Renal and IH are looking into better support for volunteer drivers and investigating different ways to transport patients from the Nelson and Kootenay Lake areas;
- the complexities around planning for a dialysis unit in the Nelson, such as maintaining trained personnel, dedicated space and equipment, the number of patients that require ongoing care, and the impact on other services and treatment methods;
- home dialysis as a treatment option for some patients, which is common in rural and remote areas; and
- the upcoming establishment of a kidney care clinic in Nelson which might reduce demand for dialysis services.

Chair Hewat thanked the delegates for answering the Board's questions.

ORDER OF THE AGENDA RESUMED

Item 5.3 Appointment of the Executive Committee was considered at this time.

5.3 Appointment of the Executive Committee

Chair Hewat called for nominations the first time.

Directors Popoff, Page, Gibbs and Martin were nominated.

Chair Hewat called for nominations a second and third time.

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

05/24

That the following Directors, in addition to the Chair and Acting Chair, are hereby appointed to the Executive Committee of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital Board for 2024:

Arrow Lakes/Slocan/Castlegar/Nakusp:	W. Popoff
Kootenay (Kaslo/Nelson/Salmo):	K. Page
Boundary:	S. Gibbs
Greater Trail:	T. Martin

Carried

6. COMMENCEMENT OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6.1 TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

6.2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

06/24

That the agenda for the January 24, 2024 Board meeting be adopted with the following addenda items:

- Amend Item 11 Adjournment to become Item 12;
- Inclusion of Item 11 In Camera; and
- Inclusion of Item 9.6 Former WKBRHD Chair's Update

before circulation.

Carried

6.3 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved and seconded,

And Resolved:

07/24

The minutes from the October 25, 2023 Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7. DELEGATIONS

7.2 INTERIOR HEALTH UPDATE REPORT

Todd Mastel, Interim Corporate Director, Financial Services

Lannon DeBest, Executive Director, Clinical Operations – Kootenay Boundary

The presentation dated January 11, 2024 from Todd Mastel and Lannon DeBest, re: Interior Health Update Report, has been received.

Todd Mastel provided an Interior Health Update report and discussed the following:

- The Memorandum of Understanding goals and commitment to improve communication, transparency and engagement;
- The 2024/25 capital funding requests;
- The construction projects and equipment over and under \$100K;
- The IH wide digital health; and
- The potential costs to replace the CT Scanner before the anticipated replacement date of 2025/26.

Todd answered the Board's questions.

Lannon DeBest provide a brief overview of the IH services and activities that have taken place in 2023.

**RECESS/
RECONVENED**

The meeting recessed at 8:05 p.m. for a break and reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

8. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

No items.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 CORRESPONDENCES

9.1.1 The letter dated December 8, 2023 from Peggy Skelton, BC Rural Health Network President, re: Resignation of Vice President, has been received.

9.1.2 The letter dated January 3, 2024 from Joe Vingo, Past-President Nelson Gyro Club, re: Letter of Support Kootenay Lake Hospital Health Care Services, has been received.

9.1.3 The email dated January 9, 2024 from Norman McCarvell, Rotary Club of Nelson Co-President, re: Nelson Rotary Club Letter of Support for Hemodialysis at Kootenay Lake Hospital, has been received.

9.1.4 The letter dated January 10, 2024 from Deb Zeeben, Community First Health Co-op Chair, re: Letter of Support for Community Dialysis at Kootenay Lake Hospital, has been received.

9.1.5 The letter dated January 16, 2024 from Richard Rodman, Knights of Columbus, re: In Support of Hemodialysis for Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson, has been received.

9.2 2024 UBCM MINISTER MEETING - RENAL HEMODIALYSIS UNIT IN NELSON

Director Hewat requested a discussion regarding the Board considering a UBCM Minister Meeting to discuss the possibility of having a Renal Hemodialysis unit in Nelson.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

08/24

That the Board send a letter of support to Interior Health Authority, Minister of Health and the Premier for Renal Hemodialysis unit in Nelson.

Carried

Director Page requested a motion be put forward to address the letters and emails from Item 9.1 Correspondence.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

09/24

That the Board direct staff to send a letter to the City of Nelson with details about the proposal to develop a volunteer support program to improve the delivery of home renal services; AND FURTHER, that the city be encouraged to work with local service organizations to recruit volunteers.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

10/24

Item 9.2 2024 UBCM Minister Meeting - Renal Hemodialysis Unit In Nelson **BE REFERRED** to the March 27, 2024 WKBRHD meeting.

Carried

9.3 INTERIOR HEALTH CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR 2024/25 FISCAL YEAR

The letter dated December 11, 2023 from Sylvia Weir, VP & Chief Financial Officer, Interior Health Authority, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

11/24

That the WKBHRD consider funding each of the items in the Interior Health Authority's 2024 funding request and that staff be directed to prepare the necessary bylaws for Board review and decision at the March 27, 2024 Board meeting.

Carried

9.4 INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PLANNING STATUS REPORT

The Master Summary report for January 2024 has been received from the Interior Health Authority.

9.5 WKBHRD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SUMMARY

The WKBHRD Accounts Payable Summary report prepared by the RDCK Finance Department for October to December 2023, has been received.

9.6 FORMER WKBHRD CHAIR'S UPDATE

Former WKBHRD Chair Marino updated the Board regarding discussions he has had with community members regarding health services.

10. QUESTIONS PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 8:25 p.m.

A member of the public identified they volunteer to take patients to the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital for dialysis and noted the following:

- there are significant costs associated, such as additional vehicle insurance and gas;
- there are many challenges with assisting the patients into vehicles, adjusting to their disabilities and the weather conditions;
- There are limited volunteers and with no support it is difficult to continue in a volunteer capacity; and
- the Board was requested to advocate for alternative transportation for patients to the hospital and not to rely on volunteers.

11. IN CAMERA

11.1 MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

12/24

In the opinion of the Board and, in accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter the public interest so requires that persons other than DIRECTORS, ALTERNATE DIRECTORS, DELEGATIONS AND STAFF be excluded from the meeting;
AND FURTHER, in accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter, the meeting is to be closed on the basis(es) identified in the following Subsections:

90 (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting;

Carried

11.2 RECESS OF OPEN MEETING

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

13/24 The Open Meeting be recessed in order to conduct the Closed In Camera meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Carried

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

14/24 That the meeting adjourn at 9:02 p.m.

Carried

Originally signed by

Suzan Hewat, Chair

Originally signed by

Angela Lund, Recording Secretary