



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Open Meeting Minutes**

The **first** regular meeting of the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for the year 2023 was held on Wednesday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m. remotely through electronic participation.

Quorum was maintained for the duration of the meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Director F. Marino Village of Warfield (Chair)

(RDCK)

Director G. Jackman	Area A	
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 H. Hanegraaf	Area J	
Director T. Weatherhead	Area K	
Director B. Bogle	City of Castlegar	
Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo	IN-PERSON
Alternate Director T. Zeleznik	Village of Nakusp	
Director K. Page	City of Nelson	
Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo	
Alternate Director B. Mills	Village of Silverton	
Alternate Director E. Buller	Village of Slocan	

(RDKB)

Director A. Grieve	Area A
Director L. Worley	Area B
Director G. McGregor	Area C
Director L. Wiese	Area D
Director S. Gibbs	Area E
Alternate Director B. Wenman	Village of Fruitvale
Director E. Baker	City of Grand Forks
Director J. Willsey	Village of Midway
Director D. Berriault	Village of Montrose
Director J. Weaver	City of Rossland
Director T. Martin	City of Trail

ELECTED DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Director C. Graham	Area E
Director A. McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp
Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver
Director C. Ferguson	Village of Silverton
Director S. Morissette	Village of Fruitvale
Director G. Shaw	City of Greenwood

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. S. Horn	Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. M. Morrison	Deputy Secretary
Ms. C. Hopkyns	Meeting Coordinator

INTERIOR HEALTH

Todd Mastel	Corporate Director, Business Operations
Lannon DeBest	Executive Director, Clinical Operations – Kootenay Boundary

1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Secretary/Treasurer Horn assumed the chair at 6:08 pm.

2. ELECTION

**2.1 ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR
Call for Nominations (3 Times)**

Secretary/Treasurer Horn called for nominations a first time.
Director Watson nominated Director Hewat.

Secretary/Treasurer Horn called for nominations a second time.
Director Martin nominated Director Marino.

Secretary/Treasurer Horn called for nominations a third time.
No further nominations.

Opportunity for Candidates to Address the Board

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

Vote by Secret Ballot

Vote by Secret Ballot (Electronic Voting Electronic Voting in Section 5 of the
WKBRHD Procedures Bylaw 330)

Directors provided their votes to Secretary/Treasurer Horn and Deputy Secretary Morrison.

Declaration of Elected Board Chair

Secretary/Treasurer Horn declared Director Marino elected as Chair of the West Kootenay-
Boundary Regional Hospital District Board for 2023.

Destroy Ballots

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

01/23

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

Carried

**2.2 ELECTION OF ACTING CHAIR
Call for Nominations (3 Times)**

Secretary/Treasurer Horn called for nominations a first time.

Director Jackman nominated Director Hewat.

Secretary/Treasurer Horn called for nominations a second and third time.

Declaration of Elected Acting Chair

Secretary/Treasurer Horn declared Director Hewat elected as Acting Chair of the West
Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board for 2023.

3. CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Chair Marino is the new mayor of the Village of Warfield. He shared he has a background in the health care
industry. He encouraged the Board to feel free to reach out to him.

4. ACTING CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Acting Chair Hewat congratulated the Chair Marino and shared she was looking forward to working
together.

(Commencement of regular agenda with elected Chair presiding)

5. WKBRHD APPOINTMENTS

5.1 Appointment of Directors

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

02/23 That the following Regional District Directors/Alternate Directors be appointed as **Directors** of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for 2023:

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
Aidan McLaren-Caux, Village of Nakusp
Keith Page, City of Nelson
Leonard Casley, Village of New Denver
Diana Lockwood, Village of Salmo
Colin Ferguson, Village of Silverton
Jessica Lunn, 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
Steve Morissette, Village of Fruitvale
Everett Baker, City of Grand Forks
Gerry Shaw, 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

Noted that Andrew Summerfield was removed from the list of Alternate Director appointments to the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for 2023.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

03/23 That the following Regional District Alternate Directors/Directors be appointed as **Alternate Directors** of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for 2023:

Regional District of Central Kootenay
Gina Medhurst, Area A
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
Tom Zeleznik, Village of Nakusp
Rik Logtenberg, City of Nelson
John Fyke, Village of New Denver
Jennifer Lins, Village of Salmo
Brian Mills, Village of Silverton
Ezra Buller, Village of Slocan

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
Kirby Epp, Area A
Bill Edwards, Area B
Donna Wilchynski, Area C
Mona Mattai, Area D
Meira Champagne, Area E
Bill Wenman, Village of Fruitvale
John Bolt, 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

Carried

5.3 Appointment of the Executive Committee

Note: If an Executive Committee election occurs, the same election procedures used for Chair and Acting Chair will apply.

Chair Marino called for nominations for an Executive Committee representative from Arrow Lakes/Slocan/Castlegar/Nakusp:

Director Davidoff nominated Director Popoff, seconded.

Chair Marino called for nominations a second and third time.

Chair Marino declared Director Popoff acclaimed as Executive Committee representative from Arrow Lakes/Slocan/Castlegar/Nakusp.

Chair Marino called for nominations for an Executive Committee representative from Kootenay (Kaslo/Nelson/Salmo):

Director Jackman nominated Director Page, seconded.

Chair Marino called for nominations a second and third time.

Chair Marino declared Director Page acclaimed as Executive Committee representative from Kootenay (Kaslo/Nelson/Salmo).

Chair Marino called for nominations for an Executive Committee representative from Boundary:

Director Grieve nominated Director McGregor, seconded.

Chair Marino called for nominations a second and third time.

Chair Marino declared Director McGregor acclaimed as Executive Committee representative from Boundary.

Chair Marino called for nominations for an Executive Committee representative from Greater Trail:

Director McGregor nominated Director Martin, seconded.

Chair Marino called for nominations a second and third time.

Chair Marino declared Director Martin acclaimed as Executive Committee representative from Greater Trail.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

04/23

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 2023:

Arrow Lakes/Slocan/Castlegar/Nakusp:	Director Popoff,
Kootenay (Kaslo/Nelson/Salmo):	Director Page,
Boundary:	Director McGregor,
Greater Trail:	Director 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:

05/23

That the agenda for the January 25, 2023 Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6.3 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

06/23

The minutes from the September 28, 2022 Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6.4 WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT OVERVIEW

Secretary/Treasurer Stuart Horn gave a presentation to the Board regarding the WKBRHD Board roles and responsibilities. He reviewed the Hospital District Act. Stuart provided an overview of the funding process and emerging issues.

7 DELEGATIONS

INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY

Todd Mastel, Corporate Director, Business Operations

Lannon DeBest, Executive Director, Clinical Operations – Kootenay Boundary

Todd Mastel congratulated the new Chair and Acting Chair.

7.1 Nelson Health Campus

Lannon DeBest provided an operations update on the Nelson Health Campus. He shared that construction has started and that meetings regarding the movement of services and staff planning has begun. The campus will open in the fall of 2024.

7.2 Boundary District Hospital

Lannon DeBest provided an update on the Boundary District Hospital in Grand Forks, sharing that the hospital still provides 24/7 Emergency Department services. The twelve in-patient beds are still closed but with new staffing, four to six beds may open within the next two weeks.

7.3 Physician Recruitment

Lannon DeBest provided an overview to the Board regarding the new contract coming into affect in July regarding physician recruitment and incentives.

7.4 Emergency Operations

Lannon DeBest provided an update to the Board regarding the emergency operations. The Province has reactivated the emergency operations centres in the health authorities to provide support to ensure patients continue to have access to hospital care with high demands hospital care.

7.2 Capital Funding Request for 2023/24

Todd Mastel provided the Board an overview of Interior Health. He reviewed the Interior Health Capital Funding process and reviewed the projected escalation for 2022 - 2024. Todd provided the Board with an overview of the capital funding request from Interior Health for 2023/2024 and the challenges of prioritizing capital. The total funding request from the Regional Hospital District is \$7.4 M for the following:

1. Construction Projects over \$100K
 - KBRH Replace Air Supply Fans
 - Columbia View Lodge Chiller & Cooling Tower
 - Boundary Hospital (Trail) Air Handling Unit
 - KBRH Steam Plant Retrofits (additional request)
 - KLH Medical Device Reprocessing (MDR) – Planning
 - KBRH Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) – Planning (additional request)
2. Construction Projects under \$100K
 - KLH Medical Imaging Renovation
 - Columbia View Lodge Replacement of Roof Units
 - Slocan Health Centre Total Budget
 - Boundary Hospital Total Budget
 - Arrow lakes Hospital Total Budget
 - Castlegar Health Centre Repaving
 - Kiro Wellness Centre (Trail) Staff Duress System
 - IH- Wide Digital Health
3. Equipment over \$100K

- Nelson Health Campus Equipment
- KBRH Meal Delivery System
- ALH General Radiographic System
- KLH Additional Medstations

4. Equipment under \$100K

- Global Grant for equipment that costs between \$5,000 and \$100,000

8 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

8.1 Aging Population Study

The Aging Populations and Health Services in the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District Study prepared by the Selkirk Geospatial Research Centre at Selkirk College, has been received.

Secretary/Treasurer Horn provided the Board with background regarding the Aging Population Study, sharing that at the September 28, 2022 Board meeting, the Board communicated some inaccuracies in the Aging Population study. This item was brought back to provide the new Board an opportunity to review the study. The Board can send staff comments regarding the Aging Populations and Health Services study to forward Selkirk College

Direction to staff: That staff compile comments from the Board regarding the Aging Populations and Health Services study to forward Selkirk College.

8.2 Aging Population Study Committee

At the September 28, 2022 Board meeting, the WKBRHD Board passing the following resolution:

That the Board direct that a committee be struck at the January 2023 Board meeting to review the Aging Populations and Health Services study report and conclusions to determine actions to pursue in order to lobby for increased service delivery in the WKBRHD.

The Board had a discussion regarding the options and agreed to have the WKBRHD Board Chair reach out to Selkirk College and then report back to the Executive Committee.

Moved seconded,
And Resolved:

07/23

That the WKBRHD Board Chair reach out to Selkirk College regarding updating the Aging Populations and Health Services study.

Carried

9 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 WKBRHD 2022 Chair's Report

Director Hewat thanked the Board for the opportunity to Chair the WKBRHD for the last three years. Last year as Chair, she attended the IH Regional Hospital District Chairs Meeting and the Capital Under 100K meeting. The Executive Committee represented the WKBRHD at UBCM.

9.1 Interior Health Capital Funding Request for 2023/2024 Fiscal Year

The letter from Sylvia Weir, VP & Chief Financial Officer, Interior Health Authority, dated December 14, 2022, has been received.

Moved seconded,
And Resolved:

08/23

That the WKBRHD consider funding each of the items in the Interior Health Authority's 2023 funding request and that staff be directed to prepare the necessary bylaws for Board review and decision at the March 22, 2023 Board meeting.

Carried

9.2 Interior Health Authority Capital Projects and Planning Status Report

The Master Summary report for November 2022 has been received from the Interior Health Authority.

9.3 WKBRHD Accounts Payable Summary

The WKBRHD Accounts Payable Summary report prepared by the RDCK Finance Department for September 2022 – December 2022, has been received.

9.4 Integrated Health Teams Program

The RDKB requested a discussion regarding the expansion of the Integrated Health Teams program in the Kootenay Boundary.

No directors provided comment on the Integrated Health Teams program in the Kootenay Boundary.

9.5 2023 WKBRHD Board Meeting Schedule and Meeting Format

At the September 28, 2022 Board meeting, the WKBRHD Board passing the following resolution:

That the 2023 WKBRHD Board meeting dates be set as follows:

- *Wednesday January 25;*
- *Wednesday March 22;*
- *Wednesday June 28; and*
- *Wednesday October 25.*

MOVED and seconded,
And Resolved:

09/23 That the Board direct staff to send out a survey to the WKBRHD Board regarding meeting format, location and tour options for 2023.

Carried

9.6 NOTICE OF MOTION – DIRECTOR DAVIDOFF

Director Davidoff request the following motion be brought to the March 22, 2023 Board meeting:

That the Executive of the WKBRHD communicate with the Minister of Health to obtain clarification of the current purposes and mandate of hospital districts, and specifically, to clarify if the current provisions of the Hospital District Act include the operation of facilities.

10 QUESTIONS PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at 8:33 p.m.

Media inquired about the seasonal deficiencies related to the KBH Emergency department redevelopment. Interior Health staff did not have the information on hand. Media will reach out to Interior Health for the information.

11 ADJOURNMENT


MOVED seconded,
And Resolved:

10/23 That the meeting adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

Carried



Frank Marino, Board Chair



Mike Morrison, Deputy Secretary