

**MINUTES OF THE KOOTENAY EAST REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**December 12, 2025  
Regional District Office, Cranbrook, BC**

PRESENT:	Chair D. Wilks	District of Sparwood
	Alternate Director R. Pullen	CSRD Electoral Area A (Zoom)
	Director G. Jackman	RDCK Electoral Area A
	Director R. Tierney	RDCK Electoral Area B
	Director K. Vandenberghe	RDCK Electoral Area C (Zoom)
	Director T. McDonald	RDEK Electoral Area A
	Director S. Doehle	RDEK Electoral Area B
	Director R. Gay	RDEK Electoral Area C
	Director J. Walter	RDEK Electoral Area E
	Director S. Clovechok	RDEK Electoral Area F
	Director R. Schnider	RDEK Electoral Area G
	Director W. Price	City of Cranbrook
	Director N. Blissett	City of Cranbrook
	Director N. Milligan	City of Fernie
	Director D. McCormick	City of Kimberley
	Alternate Director D. McDonald	District of Elkford
	Director A. Miller	District of Invermere
	Director K. Baldwin	Town of Creston
	Director C. Hambruch	Town of Golden (Zoom)
	Director M. Doherty	Village of Canal Flats
	Director M. Gray	Village of Radium Hot Springs
ABSENT:	Director K. Cathcart	CSRD Electoral Area A
	Director S. Fairbairn	District of Elkford
STAFF:	S. Tomlin	Chief Administrative Officer
	T. Hlushak	Corporate Officer
	C. Thom	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm.

**Addition of Late Items**

1518

MOVED by Director Jackman

SECONDED by Director Gay

THAT the following late items for the agenda be approved:

- Adjourn to Closed Meeting - Capital Project Update

CARRIED

**Adoption of the Agenda**

1519

MOVED by Director Doherty

SECONDED by Director Walter

THAT the agenda for the KERHD Board of Directors meeting be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

**Adoption of the Minutes**

**September 12, 2025 Meeting**

1520

MOVED by Director Miller

SECONDED by Director Milligan

THAT the Minutes of the KERHD Board of Directors meeting held on September 12, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**Invited Presentations & Delegations****Interior Health Project Update Summary**

Matt Wilkie, Corporate Director, Business Operations, Interior Health, provided an update on the status of Interior Health's capital projects within the region.

**New Business****Long-Term Care Beds Expansion**

Director Jackman addressed concerns towards an increase in the demand for Long-Term Care beds across the region and spoke to advocating to the province for the creation of additional Long-Term Care beds, specifically in the Creston area.

**2026 Provisional Budget**

1521

MOVED by Director Blissett

SECONDED by Director Milligan

THAT the 2026 Provisional Budget for the Kootenay East Regional Hospital District be approved.

CARRIED

Director Mark Doherty left the meeting at 12:58pm and returned at 1:01pm.

**Angel Flight East Kootenay - Funding Request**

1522

MOVED by Director Miller

SECONDED by Director Doehle

THAT a grant of \$150,000 per year for five years be provided to Angel Flight East Kootenay.

OPPOSED: Director Blissett, Director Clovechok, Director Gay, Director Gray, Director McDonald, Director Milligan, and Director Vandenberghe

CARRIED

**Bylaws****Bylaw No. 143 (Board Remuneration)**

1523

MOVED by Director McDonald

SECONDED by Director Price

THAT Bylaw No. 143 cited as "Kootenay East Regional Hospital District – Board Remuneration Bylaw No. 143, 2025" be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

1524

MOVED by Director Doherty

SECONDED by Director Gray

THAT Bylaw No. 143 cited as "Kootenay East Regional Hospital District – Board Remuneration Bylaw No. 143, 2025" be adopted.

CARRIED

**Adjourn to Closed**

1525

MOVED by Director Gay

SECONDED by Director Gray

THAT the meeting adjourn to a Closed KERHD Board of Directors meeting to consider the following matter:

Capital Project Update – Section 90(2)(b) of the *Community Charter* – the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the hospital district and the provincial government.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned to closed at 1:18pm.

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Chair David Wilks

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Tina Hlushak, Corporate Officer