

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

**March 13, 2026
Regional District Office, Cranbrook, BC**

PRESENT:	Chair D. Wilks	District of Sparwood
	Director K. Cathcart	CSRD Electoral Area A (Zoom)
	Director G. Jackman	RDCK Electoral Area A
	Director R. Tierney	RDCK Electoral Area B (Zoom)
	Director K. Vandenberghe	RDCK Electoral Area C (Zoom)
	Alternate Director J. Caravetta	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
	Director S. Fairbairn	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 T. McDonald	RDEK Electoral Area A
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 12:00pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

1536

MOVED by Director Miller

SECONDED by Director Clovechok

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

CARRIED

Adoption of the Minutes

February 13, 2026 Special Meeting

1537

MOVED by Director Fairbairn

SECONDED by Director Doherty

THAT the Minutes of the KERHD Board of Directors Special meeting held on February 13, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

February 25, 2026 Special Meeting

1538

MOVED by Director Gay

SECONDED by Director Walter

THAT the Minutes of the KERHD Board of Directors Special meeting held on February 25, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Director Stan Doehle arrived to the meeting at 12:01pm.

Invited Presentations & Delegations

Interior Health Authority - 2026/2027 Capital Funding Request

Matt Wilkie, Corporate Director, Business Operations, Interior Health, and Lindsay Hetu, Executive Director, Clinical Operations, Interior Health, reviewed the capital funding request for the 2026/2027 fiscal year advising that the funding request incorporates construction projects, IH-wide digital health and improvements and expansions to make spaces safer for staff and patients.

New Business

2025 Audit Planning Report from BDO Canada LLP

1539

MOVED by Director Miller

SECONDED by Director Doherty

THAT BDO Canada LLP be advised for the purposes of the audit, the appropriate person in the governance structure with whom to communicate, is the Board Chair.

CARRIED

2026 Annual Budget and Interior Health 2026-2027 Capital Funding Request

1540

MOVED by Director Baldwin

SECONDED by Director Walter

THAT the 2026-2027 Interior Health capital funding request be approved.

OPPOSED: Director Vandenberghe

CARRIED

Bylaws

Bylaw No. 145 (Capital Expenditure Bylaw)

1541

MOVED by Director Doherty

SECONDED by Director Milligan

THAT Bylaw No. 145 cited as "Kootenay East Regional Hospital District - Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 145, 2026." be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

1542

MOVED by Director Price

SECONDED by Director Miller

THAT Bylaw No. 145 cited as "Kootenay East Regional Hospital District - Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 145, 2026." be adopted.

CARRIED

Bylaw No. 146 (Annual Budget Bylaw)

1543

MOVED by Director Doherty

SECONDED by Director Price

THAT Bylaw No. 146 cited as "Kootenay East Regional Hospital District - Annual Budget Bylaw No. 146, 2026." be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

1544

MOVED by Director Gay

SECONDED by Director Milligan

THAT Bylaw No. 146 cited as "Kootenay East Regional Hospital District - Annual Budget Bylaw No. 146, 2026." be adopted.

CARRIED

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:04pm.

Chair David Wilks

Tina Hlushak, Corporate Officer

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