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WHITE RIVER HEALTH DISTRICT
DESCHUTES RIM HEALTH CLINIC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

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BOARD MEMEBERS PRESENT: David Farris, Melissa Napoli, Ashley Biesenthal, Allison Bechtol
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
DRHC: Jennifer Lombardi, FNP, Ron Selis DMD, Lindsay Roper Clinic
GUESTS: Phil Brady – Co. Commissioner, Lisa Gambee, Medy & Tom Gantz, Rod Woodside

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by the Chair, David Farris

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from January 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting and January 30, 2026, Special Board Meeting were reviewed.
B. Financials from January 2026 were reviewed. Lindsay noted that the P&L is not reflecting transfer of LGIP funds. She has asked Angela to make the correction. These Financials will be reviewed again at next meeting.
David Farris moved to approve January 20, 2026, Board Meeting minutes and the January 30, 2026, Special Board Meeting minutes. Ashley Biesenthal seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Phil Brady: Met with Bite Nite and updated the Board on the changes being made to the proposed Juniper Flat solar project. In addition, he explained that there are 3 parts to possible financial benefits:
    1. Community Benefit: this is money they can decide how it use. Phil asked for $250K in support of the clinic. They seemed amiable to the idea. David will be following up with them directly.
    2. Strategic Investment Plan: this is money that will go to the County and for the County to decide how to use it.
    3. Taxation: Avangrid (another solar project) will begin to be taxed in 2027, so this should have a positive impact on the tax dollars the clinic receives. David will follow up with Jill Avery, Wasco Co Assessor, to confirm if/when we might expect to see these tax dollars.

    Phil will be doing an ad campaign that will include some drone footage of our clinic and area. He will make this footage available for our use.

    Phil met Adventist Health Columbia Gorge who brought up the idea of DRHC taking over the school-based healthcare clinic in Dufur, if we have capacity. Jennifer/David will follow up with the Dufur School District for more information.

B. Mortgage Update: David talked with Old West Federal Credit Union who holds our mortgage. They are willing to work with us to lessen the burden on our monthly mortgage payments and help solve the potential budget gap expected in October. We will be undergoing an underwriting reassessment soon and then be able to discuss options. One option being to move to interest only for a period. David moved to grant the authority to move to interest only if approved by Old West Credit Union. Melissa Napoli seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
C. Review/Approve MOU with South Wasco Alliance (SWA): David presented a draft MOU. After review and discussion, it was decided that David will go back to SWA for further clarification on why an MOU is needed and if it obligates us in any way. He will bring this back to the Board.
D. Budget Process Update for 2026: After attending budget training offered through the State. Allison confirmed that Health Districts are exempt from following the full extent of Oregon's

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Budget Law. Therefore, we will be following ORS.440.403 that outlines the requirements of budget preparation and public involvement in the budget process for Health Districts. It was decided that the proposed budget will be presented initially at the April Board Meeting.

E. AUP (Agreed-Upon-Procedures) Approval for FY 2023-2024**:** Allison and Lindsay are reaching out to the Secretary of State to determine if we are required to perform a full audit or an AUP since our spend is under 1 million annually.

F. Office of Rural Health Update: David gave an update on a webinar he attended on rural health transformation grant. Lindsay also attended. We will keep an eye on when this grant opportunity opens.

G. Solicitation of Volunteers: Need was noted: landscape help and social media/marketing priorities. Lindsay has registered with Taproot, a Foundation that connects nonprofits with Skilled volunteers to provide pro bono services like social media.

H. Participation in Local Events: events and dates of events were presented

I. Marketing Proposal and Alternative Plan Workgroup: Using the Marketing Plan that Lisa Gambee created as a guide, it was suggested that a smaller workgroup gather to create a scaled back manageable plan that can be easily executed. David, Allison and Lindsay will work on this. Ashley may know of someone who could offer social media help.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review Budget/Proforma: Lindsay and David went through the proforma. Things remain tight.

B. Recruitment of Providers/Staff:

- Dental: David had a meeting with the Dean of OHSU dental school maybe having students rotate through clinic. David plans on sending outreach letters to dentists in the surrounding area not only to solicit them possible but to also ask if they may know of someone who might be interested. Dr. Selis is also making outreach calls and working through his contacts. Indeed, is also an option.
- Alternative Care Providers: Nothing new.

C. Foundation and Grants: David drafted a “history” of the clinic and sent it out to the Board and asked for feedback.

VI. UPDATES:

A. Clinic Administrator Report:

- Lindsay is working to set up a blood drive at the clinic.
- Lindsay is working to get an eye care provider out to our community.
- A First Aid class is set up for 3/10.

B. Board:

- We need an additional Board member
- Allison met with Jody Chastin and Steve (local transportation) gave tour of clinic and discussed transportation needs/solutions.

C. Provider:

- Vaccines for Children: in process
- Onsite, limited pharmacy: in process
- Looking into becoming a DOT testing site
- Need to surplus some equipment that is not used or needed

VII. COMMUNICATIONS: None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING: David Farris, Board Chair, adjourned the February 26, 2026, Regular Board Meeting at 6:56 pm.

ATTESTATION:

Signed by: Dr. David Farris 5197B50C44D8455...

David Farris, Board Chair

Signed by: Allison Bechtol 0104E7B956BE4EC...

Allison Bechtol, Board Secretary