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WHITE RIVER HEALTH DISTRICT
DESCHUTES RIM HEALTH CLINIC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 23, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

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BOARD MEMEBERS PRESENT: David Farris, Melissa Napoli, Allison Bechtol
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ashley Biesenthal
DRHC: Lindsay Roper Clinic Administrator, Jennifer Lombardi, FNP
GUESTS: June Rickman, Community Health Worker, Medy & Tom Gantz

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by the Chair, David Farris

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from March 31, 2026, Regular Board Meeting were reviewed.
B. Financials from March 2026 were reviewed.

Melissa Napoli moved to approve the Consent Agenda. David Farris seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 26-27 Proposed Budget Review: Lindsay went through the proposed budget. Allison Bechtol moved to approve the proposed budget. Melissa Napoli seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. Lindsay will make the approved budget available to the public. via online and at clinic. A Public Budget Hearing will be held on May 28th at 5:00 pm, just prior to our next board meeting.
B. Amanda Johnson LMT Lease Renewal: The lease terms were discussed again and a revised proposed rate increase was agreed upon. Allison Bechtol moved to approve the revised rate. David Farris seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. Lindsay will follow up with Amanda.
C. Letter of Engagement for Audit FY 23-24: David has signed and returned the letter of engagement.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recruitment of Providers:
- Chiropractors: nothing new.
- Dentist: David has met with a recruitment firm who works closely with nonprofits. He was able to negotiate a discounted rate at 28K. Payment is due once a candidate is hired. David asked the Board to approve engaging this firm. Melissa Napoli moved to approve David's request. David Farris seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

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B. Foundation and Grants:
- The Capital Campaign (an effort to own our building) is moving forward with the help of Pat Becker.
- Rural Health Transformation: David gave an overview of the grant. Requests need to be for at least 200K and we can submit up to three proposals. Ideas so far: Remodel of building B. David has met with a contractor to get a rough estimate for remodeling build B. June Rickman would also like to see building B used as a multi-agency hub, bringing more services into the community. David is also considering submitting a proposal for a mobile medical van that we could use to bring services out into our communities. This grant has a number of requirements.
- Low Interest Loan from Wasco County: At the suggestion of Phil Brady, County Commissioner David contacted Wasco Co to seek a 100K low interest loan. Review of our request will be at the May 6th County Commissioners meeting. David will be attending the meeting.

C. Medical Disability Exams for Veterans: Jennifer has signed up for online training.

D. Marketing Workgroup: The group met and went through the Marketing Plan and targeted areas to concentrate on. One thing in particular is the idea of "rebranding." To do this, we recommend hiring someone to help with this project. David (and others) will gather more information regarding the cost of hiring and bring it back to the Board for further discussion.

E. Participation in Local Events: Group went through the upcoming events and discussed the Clinic's participation in them.

VI. UPDATES:

A. Clinic Administrator Report:
- Jennifer patient visit average is running at 4.5 per day. This is a head of projections.
- Project Happy Face, the free mobile dermatologist will be at clinic on July 7th.
- Lindsay has applied to NHSC for loan repayment program for eligible providers.
- Ron Selis, DMD is looking at ending his coverage at the clinic in the next few months.

B. Board:
- Allison and Lindsay attended the Health and Wellness meeting at the school. Their suggestion to get Jennifer in front of parents/kids is to have her attend Back to School Night at the beginning of the school year.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS: None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING: David Farris, Board Chair, adjourned the April 23, 2026, Regular Board Meeting at 7:29 pm.

ATTESTATION:

Signed by:
Dr. David Farris
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David Farris, Board Chair

Signed by:
Allison Bechtol
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Allison Bechtol, Board Secretary