

BEAVER ISLAND RURAL HEALTH CENTER
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Re-Scheduled Regular Meeting BIRHC Board of Directors
June 26, 2026, 3:00 pm
St. James Township Hall
37735 Michigan Ave., Beaver Island, MI 49782

- I. The meeting was called to order by President D'Andraia at 3:15pm.
- II. Board members present: Frank D'Andraia, Lori Taylor-Blitz, Brad Grassmick, Tim O'Connor, Connie Wojan, Leslie Visser (via speaker phone), Rita Peirano, (via speaker phone).

Also present: Ann Partridge, Managing Director; Tim Mullen, Board President Candidate; Bobbie Welke, St. James Township Supervisor.

Members Absent: Paul Cole, Maria Dal Pra

- III. **Motion: Approval of April 3, 2026, minutes as written-Grassmick/O'Connor. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- IV. Call for additions to the agenda. Motion to increase staff compensation.
- V. Announcements by D'Andraia
The Proposal for BIRHC St. James Millage will be on the November ballot.
The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has abrogated its contract with Dental Clinics North, which services Beaver Island.
- VI. Managing Director's Report
Motion: To authorize Managing Director and Medical Director to move forward with Performance Improvement Plan for an employee seriously behind in charting, including notifying employee of disciplinary measures which may be taken. Grassmick/Taylor-Blitz. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
- VII. Standing Committee Reports- D'Andraia
President D'Andraia continues to collaborate with our attorney on revisions to our 20+ year agreement with St. James and Peaine Townships.

Motion: To set a special board meeting for July 31, 2026, 3 pm, to approve draft 2026-27 budget including a wage and benefit package sufficient to recruit and retain our health care providers. Grassmick/O'Connor. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion to close out of state bank accounts and move funds to FDIC insured accounts in Petoskey banks which the Treasurer has researched and recommended. Grassmick/Wojan. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- VIII. Presidential Search Committee Report-Connie Wojan
Chairman Connie Wojan reported that the committee had conducted an extensive search beginning in February for a replacement for President D'Andraia who is retiring at the end of the year. The position was advertised in the Northern Islander, on the BIRHC website and social media beginning in early April. After two interviews and a review of his very impressive resume, the committee unanimously recommends he be appointed director and president elect of the BIRHC Board of Directors, to begin serving January 1, 2027. Board members not on the search committee and members of the public asked Mr. Mullen questions all of which he answered.

Motion: To elect Tim Mullen director-elect and president-elect of the BIRHC Board of Directors. Grassmick/D'Andraia MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board welcomed and thanked Mr. Mullen for his willingness to serve the community in such an important way.

IX. Donor Party

Board assignments for our annual donor party on Sunday, July 19 were reviewed.

X. Public Comment

St. James Supervisor Bobbi Welke stated the BIRHC Board could submit its budget and millage levy request to her board by September 1, 2026.

Motion to adjourn: Grassmick/ Taylor/Blitz. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, 4:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Wojan, Secretary