

Cochran County Hospital District
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2022

Cochran Memorial Hospital Lobby
201 E Grant Ave
Morton, Texas 79346

ATTENDANCE

Board of Directors

Betty Lyon
Richard Houston
John Schmidt
Ray O'Brien

Financial Officer

Margarita (Maggie) Ramon

Minute Taker

Mary McKnight

Hospital Administration

Kody Kitchens

Guests

Grant Turner
Amanda Turney
Gwendolyn DeBusk
Misty Beseda
Mary McKnight (CCHC)

1. Open

- a. Quorum present
- b. Called to order 1700
- c. Invocation led by Ray O'Brien
- d. Public Comments
 - i. Gwendolyn DeBusk asked that the Safety Committee be placed on agenda for the October 2022 Board of Directors meeting.
- e. Motion made to approve the August 17, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded. Three (3) votes in favor of approving minutes, zero (0) votes against. Motion passed, August 17, 2022 meeting minutes approved as presented.

2. Reports

- a. Financial Report
 - i. Kody Kitchens reported patient receivables is the highest it has been in awhile due to the billing office being able to go back and claim "missed" money.
 - ii. Kody reported he spoke with the bank regarding the CDs. They last updated three (3) months ago. There are no penalties for cashing in the CDs. CDs automatically renew at the current interest rate at the time of renewal, we do not have to negotiate that.
 - iii. Still trying to get in contact with the auditors to find out where they are with the audit.
 - iv. Bills
 1. Inquiries were made by board members regarding certain payments. Payments were explained and determined to be legitimate.

b. **Administrator Report**

- i. Issues with the two separate computer systems not communicating with each other has been resolved.
- ii. We are now able to send out accurate statements to patients up to September 10th. Any payments made after September 10th will not be reflected until the next statement. This was not a staff issue; it was a system issue.
- iii. Separating the billing office personnel into separate offices seems to have greatly improved issues.
- iv. Letter from the Office of the Inspector General read, explained and discussed.
- v. Radiation Safety Officer paperwork was expedited and is current and up-to-date.

3. Matters for Discussion

- a. Cochran County Historical Commission (CCHC) Chair, Mary McKnight, approached the board regarding beginning the process of applying for a Texas Historical Commission Historical Site Marker for Cochran Memorial Hospital. Application process will begin in early 2023.

4. Matters for Decision

- i. Seats for Precincts 1, 3, and at-large are running unopposed for the 2022 General Election.
 1. Motion made to order the cancellation of the General Election for Precinct seats 1, 3, and at-large for the Cochran County Hospital District Board of Directors made. Motion was seconded. Three (3) votes in favor, zero (0) against. Motion carried. An order will be issued to cancel the 2022 General Election for Precinct seats 1, 3, and at-large for the Cochran County Hospital District Board of Directors. Kody Kitchens will notify Cheryl Butler, Cochran County Elections Administrator.
 2. Motion made to certify Precincts 1, 3, and at-large as unopposed candidates. Motion was seconded. Three (3) votes in favor, zero (0) against, motion carried. The three candidates are certified unopposed.
 3. Motion made to accept Barbara Robles as Morton Rural Health Clinic Coordinator. Motion was seconded. Three (3) votes in favor, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried. Barbara Robles is approved to fill the Morton Rural Health Clinic Coordinator position.

5. Executive Session

- a. Entered Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.
- b. Exited Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

6. Adjournment

- a. Motion made to adjourn. Motion seconded. Three (3) votes in favor; zero (0) oppose. Motion carried.
 - i. Meeting adjourned 7:24 p.m.

Cochran Memorial Hospital CEO

Date

Cochran Memorial Hospital President, Board of Directors

Date