Cochran County Hospital District
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2023

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

ATTENDANCE

Board of Directors
Betty Lyon
Richard Houston
John Schmidt
Ray O'Brien
William (Bill) Albus

Absent

Hospital Administration
Kody Kitchens

Minutes Taker
Mary McKnight

Guests
Maggie Ramon
Amanda Turney
Rick Levitt

1. **Opening**
    a. Quorum present
        i. Called to order 1702
    b. Invocation led by Ray O'Brien
    c. Public Comments/Open Forum
        i. Rick Levitt asked that the City of Morton/EMS be placed on the April 2023 meeting agenda
        ii. John Schmidt reported members of the ambulance board traveled to Comanche, Texas to inspect and accept new ambulances. The new units are scheduled to be delivered Tuesday, March 21, 2023. One unit will be housed in Morton, the other in Whiteface.
    d. Review and Consider Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
        i. Motion made to approve the February 15, 2023 regular session meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded. Four (4) votes in favor of approving minutes, zero (0) votes against. Motion passed.
2. **Reports**
    a. Financials
        i. Computer issues that affected reports for previous meeting have been corrected.
        ii. Vending under $300, is a little bit higher, but ran out of wrappers for coins, so still have some to deposit.
        iii. Had to set up a separate account for vending, was required to be able to use the card feature on the new machine, deposit
        iv. Kody met with Ben Wells to discuss renewing one of the CDs on a 12-month term. Interest increased 0.45% to 2.9% for 12 months, would not change. As CDs mature, Kody will continue to speak with Wells to obtain better rates.
        v. Kody has spoken with two different people at City Bank regarding penalties for early withdrawal, should it be needed, was told there would be no penalties.
        vi. Tax revenue discussed.
        vii. Line items from financial report discussed.
        viii. Bank statement & deposits discussed.

b. Administrator Report
    i. Josie Alvarez resigned unexpectedly on February 22, 2023. In letter to Kody, no reason was given. In a letter to Dr. Hughes Josie cited not being given a raise as reason. Kody stated Josie never asked for a raise.
        1. John reported Josie visited with him early in the day (March 15th) and she cited having only $1/hour raise in thirteen (13) years with all the work she does as the reason she resigned.
        2. Was mentioned that employees needed to be aware that the hospital pays for 87% of their insurance as one of their benefits.
    ii. Savanah Amalla doing well in radiology certification classes and has picked up quickly on working in the lab. Sandy Zapata has been hired to train in the lab and radiology as we will be needing someone as Brandon Chavez is currently in school.
    iii. Three (3) new blood pressure machines were purchased for the clinic.
    iv. A patient lift was purchased for the nursing department.
    v. Lobby makeover currently underway.

3. Personnel

a. Motion to move into executive session.

4. Executive Session

a. Entered Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.
b. Exited Executive Session at 7:56 p.m.

5. Adjournment

a. Motion made to adjourn. Motion seconded. Four (4) votes in favor; zero (0) oppose. Motion carried.
    i. Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

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Cochran Memorial Hospital CEO	Date
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Cochran Memorial Hospital President, Board of Directors	Date