

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
SWEENY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

September 29, 2020

Time 18:00

Members Present: P. T. Brunner, President, Mason Nichols, Vice-President
Patti Foster, Secretary; Violet Weeks,
Lisa Leal, Charlie Genella

Members Absent: Scott Swift

Others Present: Enrique Leal, III, M.D.
Ron Schmidt
Brian Brooks
Jeff Farley, Sweeny Mayor
Warren Rayburn

Employees Present: Kelly Park, Cindy Burge, Paige Townsend, Stuart Butler, Dana Quintanilla

1. **Call to Order** Mr. Brunner called the meeting to order at 1900.

2. The invocation was given by Mr. Nichols.

3. **Record Members Present and Establish A Quorum**
There being 6 members present, a quorum was established.

4. **Public Comments**

A. Ron Schmidt – He commented he moved to the community 40 years ago after he got out of the military. He said recently there was a post by Scott Swift, and he questioned some of those things. He said he is not anti-hospital, that is not his point. He said he personally benefits from and appreciates this hospital. Example was given regarding labs done here. His main concern is for the citizens as tax payors of the hospital district. He said this is a nice community and again, he stated he is not anti-hospital.

Brian Brooks – He commented he is a student councilman and is a retired school teacher from SISD, and has been in this community most of his life. He is not anti-hospital. Everyone has their own opinions, and he does not envy what we are going through right now. He wanted to let the hospital know that some may disagree with the way things are done but he will support the hospital in whatever decision is made and appreciates everything the hospital does for the community.

Jeff Farley – He agrees with what was said.
Mr. Brunner thanked them for coming out tonight.

5. **Review/Approve Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes:**

A. August 25, 2020 General Meeting

Ms. Weeks made a motion to approve the minutes from August 25, 2020. Ms. Foster seconded the motion. Unanimous decision, motion carried.

B. September 15, 2020 Special Called Meeting

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the minutes from September 15, 2020.

Ms. Leal seconded the motion. Unanimous decision, motion carried.

6. **Old Business**

A. **Replacement Hospital Update**

Mr. Brunner gave an update regarding the new hospital. Expectation is for Mr. Mills to have construction documents 85% complete by November 6th then documents will go to USDA for approval. Once approved by USDA, then Lott Brothers will go out for firm bids for the construction.

Briefly discussed were:

- Estimated cost of 65 million for the new hospital
- \$36 million loan with USDA - \$1.2 million a year for 40 years and interest rates
- Town hall meetings
- Phillips abatements coming off in 2025

7. **New Business**

A. **Board Education**

Tabled.

8. **Board Committee Reports:**

A. **Finance Committee Report:**

Mr. Brunner gave overview of August 2020 financials.

After discussion, Ms. Foster motioned to approve the August 2020 financials. Ms. Weeks seconded the motion. Unanimous decision, motion carried.

B. **Executive Committee Report:** No report since the meeting was cancelled.

C. **Sweeny Community Hospital Foundation Board Update:**

Mr. Brunner gave an update regarding the capital campaign and donations acquired to date. New board members will be Martha Lopez and Michael Heinroth. Amy Carter gave her resignation to the board due to moving out of the area.

Contract with Dini Spheris for the capital campaign is being renewed.

Foundation's bank account balance is \$282,541.79.

9. **Administrative Information Report – Kelly Park**

A. **CEO Report**

Updates were given on the following:

- Covid 19 – Temperature monitor machines ordered to help reduce overtime.
- Hospital Operations – the numbers are starting to come back up in most departments
- The Fountains – Outside visitation was approved and in process now. Still waiting on approval for inside visitation.
- No new positions will be established in the hospital or offsite locations for now.
- Senior Horizons Department to open back up to see patients effective October 1.

- Marketing update- advertising being done through billboards, ads in The Facts, Image magazine, T-shirts, footballs, and Bulldogs advertisement.
- Human Resources – update given by Dana Quintanilla regarding number of employees, new hires, termed, turnover rate and employee engagement scheduled for next month.

B. CNO Report:

Ms. Townsend gave report on the following:

- Visitation opened back up, 2 people per patient
- Had first Covid patient admitted to med surg unit.
- Press Ganey report given
- Covid testing, out of 185 tested only 10 % were positive
- Flu Shot Clinics scheduled

C. Emergency Medical Services Report:

Mr. Butler gave report on the following:

- SEMS steady
- ESD 6 – good numbers for last year
- New billing company hopes for increase in revenue collected
- Ambulance involved in a wreck in Lake Jackson, not our fault.

10. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Brunner announced the Board would go into closed, Executive Session at 2041 to review the following:

A. Medical Staff Executive Committee Report

B. Medical Staff Credentials

C. Deliberations Concerning Real Property

End of Executive Session

Went out of Executive Session at 2100.

11. Action regarding Executive Session:

Mr. Genella made a motion to approve Medical Staff Credentials presented in Executive Session. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion, unanimous decision, motion passed.

12. Adjournment

Ms. Weeks moved for adjournment, seconded by Ms. Foster. Meeting adjourn at 2101.



P. T. Brunner, President
Recorder: Cindy Burge