

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

June 27, 2023

Time 18:00

Members Present: Mason Nichols, President; Scott Swift, Vice President  
Patti Foster, Secretary; Violet Weeks, Leeda Wood

Members Absent: Charlie Genella, Dale Thames

Others Present: Enrique Leal, III, M.D.  
Yvonne Darrell

Employees Present: Kelly Park, Cindy Burge, Dana Quintanilla, Travis Alford, Stephanie Crowder,  
Sarah Hebert

1. **Call to Order** Mr. Nichols called the meeting to order at 1800.

2. The invocation was given by Patti Foster.

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

4. **Public Comments**

A. Yvonne Darrel said she had called Ms. Park about some things she was concerned about. One of the things she brought up to her was she was concerned about is the physical responsibility of the hospital. She commented she knows the hospital is doing the best it can and will not make everyone happy. She said she did not know if the board was aware about the agreement with the City of West Columbia. The first time was back in 2015, it was about \$95,000 that was given back because we were not able to staff the West Columbia Health Clinic. Then the hospital entered into another agreement in 2018 for \$150,000 and the hospital received 3 of the payments, not the fourth due to the financials not being turned over to the city. She commented she works for the city, and she is the one that writes the checks to the hospital. She felt like that was \$37,000 that the hospital could have gotten to help her pay less taxes in the future. She commented she knows the board can not respond to her but maybe the board could get with her in the future.

Mr. Nichols thanked her for her comment. He said he is very aware and it was a loss for the hospital.

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

**A. May 23, 2023 General Meeting**

Violet Weeks made a motion to approve the minutes from May 23, 2023.

Patti Foster seconded the motion. Scott Swift and Leeda Wood abstained, motion carried.

**B. June 5, 2023 Special Called**

Leeda Wood made a motion to approve the minutes from June 5, 2023. Patti Foster seconded the motion. Unanimous decision, motion carried.

6. **Finance Committee Report**

Travis Alford gave overview of May 2023 financials.

After discussion, Scott Swift motioned to approve the May 2023 financials. Leeda Wood seconded the motion. Unanimous decision, motion carried.

7. **Old Business**

**A. Replacement hospital update:**

- Crane will move backward tomorrow. Friday morning at 6.am., the next three phases will be in sections 7-10, the steel will go up. The area closest to the old building to be done early while there are no people in those offices. They will continue moving backward until all is done which will be to the new ER area.
- Clips and straps being installed in sections 1 – 4. That is prior to ductwork being installed.
- By October 1<sup>st</sup>, the building should be walled and ready to work inside.
- Rebar 2<sup>nd</sup> floor next week and pour slab July 5th
- Helopad will be where the current ER is now
- Gas farm will also be moved closer to the new hospital
- Update given regarding drainage on McKinney Street, Ross and Alice Street
- 21 days out of timeline due to rain
- Move in to new building looks like May 2024, completion of removing existing hospital and doing new parking lot looks like November 2024
- Transition moving from old to new hospital was briefly discussed

8. **New Business**

**A. Miscellaneous Capital Equipment**

**(Consider and take action, if needed to approve capital requests presented)**

Ms. Park gave an overview of the new West Columbia Health Clinic which will also include physical therapy, a lab draw station, ultrasound, EKG and Xray. The amount for physical therapy equipment needed is \$19,392.77. The EKG equipment totaling \$13,410.03 will be for the hospital and the EKG equipment at the hospital will be moved to the new clinic.

Ms. Park inquired about purchasing additional equipment that will be needed for the clinic. Mr. Nichols requested for a list and cost be prepared and bring it for approval at a future board meeting.

After discussion, Violet Weeks motioned to approve the purchase for the equipment presented tonight. Leeda Wood seconded the motion. Unanimous decision, motion passed.

9. **Board Committee Reports:**

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

Funds for the Foundation have not changed since last month.

**B. Auxiliary Update –**

Kelly Park update:

- Current funds \$25,923

- Luncheon profit was \$7,288.22
- Leeda Wood update:
- Open house for the Auxiliary will be July 13<sup>th</sup> to recruit new members
  - Currently work the ER lobby from 8-12 Monday- Friday escorting patients
- Mason congratulated Leeda on being the new Auxiliary president.

10. **Administrative Information Report –  
B. Human Resources Report**

- Headcount 201, hired 7, discharged 4 giving 2% turnover rate
- Open positions, 7 fulltime, 8 PRN
- Working on policies
- Wrapped up the Press Ganey employee engagement survey
- Managers to be recognized on Thursday
- Town hall forums for staff coming up in July

**A. CEO Report - Kelly Park**

- Strategic meetings update
- Dialysis set up for new hospital
- Echo tech is completing vascular training and will be available to see patients starting in August
- Press Ganey results for Employee engagement given and discussed

10. **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Nichols announced the Board would go into closed, Executive Session at 2013 to review the following:

A. Deliberations concerning real property

**End of Executive Session**

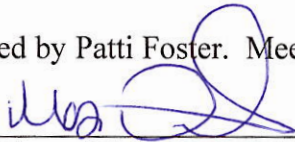
Went out of Executive Session at 2147.

11. **Action regarding Executive Session:**

Scott Swift made a motion to authorize Kelly Park to enter into a lease agreement for a medical clinic in Brazoria and to determine appropriate equipment acquisition purchase. Violet Weeks seconded the motion, unanimous decision, motion passed.

12. **Adjournment**

Leeda Wood moved for adjournment, seconded by Patti Foster. Meeting adjourned at 2149.

  
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Mason Nichols, President  
Recorder: Cindy Burge