

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

August 29, 2023

Time 1800

Members Present: Mason Nichols, President;  
Patti Foster, Secretary; Violet Weeks,  
Charlie Genella, Leeda Wood, Dales Thames

Members Absent: Scott Swift, Vice President

Others Present: Tom Ronayne

Employees Present: Cindy Burge, Dana Quintanilla, Travis Alford, Stephanie Crowder, Juliet Lane  
John Hazeslip

1. **Call to Order** Mr. Nichols called the meeting to order at 1800.
2. The invocation was given by Dale Thames.
3. **Record Members Present and Establish A Quorum**  
There being 6 members present, a quorum was established.
4. **Public Comments**  
A. None
5. **Review/Approve Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes:**  
**A. July 25, 2023 General Meeting**  
Violet Weeks made a motion to approve the minutes from July 25, 2023. Leeda Wood seconded the motion. Patti Foster abstained, motion carried.
6. **Finance Committee Report**  
Travis Alford gave overview of July 2023 financials.  
  
After discussion, Dale Thames motioned to approve the July 2023 financials as presented. Patti Foster seconded the motion. Unanimous decision, motion carried.
7. **Old Business**  
**A. Replacement hospital update: Stephanie Crowder**  
Tellepsen Progress General overview
  - Working on fire proofing
  - Installing exterior framing
  - Working on exterior sheathing and waterproof
  - Next week will be working on the stairs
  - Dirt work over storm pipe on McKinney
  - Final grade for the driveways
8. **New Business**  
**A. Discuss tax rate, and take a record vote to propose a Tax Rate for 2023**  
Travis Alford gave an overview of the proposed tax rate for 2023 and briefly discussed.

After discussion Charlie Genella proposed for 2023 a 4% decrease with a tax rate of 0.387962. Patti Foster seconded the motion.

Record vote was:

- vote for    Mason Nichols, Patti Foster, Charlie Genella  
  Violet Weeks, Leeda Wood, Dale Thames
- vote against   none
- present but not voting                         none
- names of absent                                 Scott Swift

Motion Passed.

**B. Schedule a Public Hearing to discuss Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and the 2023 Proposed Tax Rate**

The board discussed holding the public hearing meeting on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (1800) to discuss the budget for fiscal year 2024 and the proposed tax rate for 2023.

After discussion, Leeda Wood made a motion to hold the public hearing meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Dale Thames seconded the motion. Unanimous decision, motion carried.

The budget can be approved and adopt the tax rate at that meeting or at the regular scheduled board meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Miscellaneous Capital Equipment**

None

**D. Review/Approve Policy**

- (1) SM-SA-93 Armed Intruder/Active Shooter Workplace Violence

John Hazeslip, Emergency Management/Security Director, gave an overview of the policy being presented for approval.

After discussion, Dales Thames made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Violet Weeks seconded the motion. Unanimous decision, motion passed.

**9. Board Committee Reports:**

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

Mr. Nichols gave an overview of the Foundation Board August 14<sup>th</sup> minutes included in the packet. Current bank balance is \$819,403.78.

Briefly discussed the mammo project to assist patients needing breast cancer screening. Funds raised at the golf tournament was \$18,338.90.

**B. Auxiliary Committee Update – Leeda Wood**

Had a meeting in August and will have another one September 13<sup>th</sup>. A couple of new members were added, 2 on leave of absence so have 14 active members. They are trying to

establish times for the ladies to be in the gift shop. They are trying to bring in the things that are on the want list. The ER is the place the ladies are enjoying assisting.

- C. Joint Conference Committee Update – Juliet Lane, Chief Compliance & Privacy Officer (Dashboard 2023 – Quality Improvement Metrics)  
Juliet Lane gave an overview of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report and briefly discussed.

10. **Administrative Information Report**

**A. CEO Report** – Given by Stephanie Crowder, CNO

- TDECU/OAC Meeting continued semi weekly
- EMS building to begin in October/November
- LTCM in progress
- Hospitalist and Nursing team making walking rounds to patients
- Telemedicine – continuing to vet HCA for neurology/cardiology coverage
- West Columbia Clinic renovation in progress
- Hurricane table top drill completed 8/22/2023 to be CMS compliant
- Christmas Party is planned for December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Bar X Community Center

**B. Human Resources Report** – Dana Quintanilla

- 212 Full time/part time employees
- Hired 6 PRN, 4 FT
- 1 PRN resigned and 1 FT resigned
- Open positions given
- Exit Interviews – There were none

10. **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Nichols announced the Board would go into closed, Executive Session at 2103 to review the following:

- a. Deliberations concerning real property

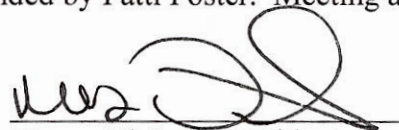
**End of Executive Session**

Went out of Executive Session at 2145.

11. **Action regarding Executive Session:** None

12. **Adjournment**

Violet Weeks moved for adjournment, seconded by Patti Foster. Meeting adjourned at 2146.



Mason Nichols, President  
Recorder: Cindy Burge