

Notice is hereby given that Hereford Regional Medical Center is currently under the Texas Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Rule #GL 20-2015, issued April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, titled Emergency Rule for Hospital Response to Covid-19. This rule forbids hospital visitors for 120 days.

In accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Office of the Governor has suspended statutes to the extent necessary to allow telephonic or videoconference meetings and to avoid congregate settings in physical locations: - those statutes that require a quorum or a presiding officer to be physically present at the specified location of the meeting; provided, however, that a quorum still must participate in the telephonic or videoconference meeting.

This suspension is in effect until terminated by the Office of the Governor or until the March 13, 2020 disaster declaration is lifted or expires.

Directors present via video: Tanner Black, Becky Bridwell, Mark Collier, Bob Josserand, Harold McNutt, Mike Schueler and Chris Woodard.

Other attendees via video: Jeff Barnhart, CEO; Sharon Hunt, CFO; Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst; Tammy Clements, Infection Control; Audie Sciumbato; Glen Odom, Allen Funk, Blue Planet; Wayne Betzen; Sean Perdy; Danny Jones, Tax Appraisal District.

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**1. Call to Order, Pledge, and Invocation.**

Mike Schueler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Mr. Schueler led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the Invocation.

**2. Public Comment.**

Wayne Betzen, Glen Odom and representatives for Renegade Renewables, LLC spoke to the board about the opportunity to approve the Renegade Renewable Tax Abatement. Mr. Betzen said it will be a one in a lifetime opportunity and project. He also expressed what the District does with this project will affect future projects in Deaf Smith County. Mr. Odom stated that he spoke with most of the board and most are in favor of the abatement. It will keep money in town.

**3. Renegade Renewable Energy Presentation**

Mr. Schueler presented the updated Renegade Renewable Energy tax abatement amendment. The updated abatement reflects a request of 99% per MW of Nameplate Capacity. That payment equates to just over \$100,000 annually during that period of abatement based on the current project layout. He expressed that most of the community is for the project. It will be pollution free, economic friendly and will not use the water. All board members expressed their concerns about the abatement as it relates to the hospital district. The hospital entity is a little different than the other entities. There was concern expressed about the yearly rising of unfunded care and the increasing expenses. There were also concerns with the abatement and not being able to voice their concerns

and be able to negotiate. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was moved by Mr. Collier to approve a 99% tax abatement with \$120,000 payment per year for 10 years in lieu of Taxes to the District. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion carried with Mark Collier, Chris Woodard, Tanner Black, and Mike Schueler voted for the abatement. Harold McNutt, Becky Bridwell and Bob Josseland voted against the abatement.

**4. Approval of Minutes for May 28, 2020.**

Mrs. Bridwell made a motion to approve May 28, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Chief Financial Officers Report**

**Presentation of financial statements for May 31, 2020**

Sharon Hunt, CFO presented the financial reports for the month of May. The district realized a net gain of \$667,493 for the month and \$899,558 for the year which is above budget and higher than last year's bottom line, which showed a net gain of \$359,672. Mrs. Hunt answered questions from the Board and expressed May was a great month for the District. Mr. Black made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. McNutt. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Chief Executive Officer Report**

**7. Update on progress of parking lot repair and sealing project.**

Mr. Barnhart gave a brief update on the progress of the parking lot repair and sealing project. Following a conversation between Mr. Barnhart and Mr. Caperton, the decision was made to notify Mr. Caperton that we no longer needed his services and accept the quote from Lone Star Construction due to Mr. Caperton's lack of progress, poor work quality, and reliability on the project.

**Covid-19 operational update**

Mr. Barnhart and Mrs. Clements gave a brief update on COVID-19. The hospital district has tested a total of 1356 patients. We have had 3-15 positive results out of 30 tests per day. Mr. Barnhart and Mrs. Smith also reported that we have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Kings Manor for an alternative care site for patients if the hospital needs additional capacity. The board expressed their appreciation to the staff for their work.

**Physician Recruitment**

Mr. Barnhart gave a brief update to the board regarding recruitment of physicians for our clinic. The district has started the process in recruiting a FPOB. Dr. Tabitha Davies will be here in August. Mr. Barnhart answered questions and concerns from the board.

**Update on DSCHD board meeting location for July 2020.**

Mr. Barnhart informed the board our July monthly board meeting will be at Hereford Community Center.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. The motion was made by Mrs. Bridwell. Motion seconded by Mr. McNutt. Motion passed unanimously.



Mike Schueler, President