

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Monday November 30, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Board Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Tanner Black, Kevin Bunch, Tim Laws, Chris Woodard, and Uriel Villa

Other attendees: Candice Smith, CEO; Paul Gafford, CFO; Kristin Delossantos, Interim CNO; Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst.; Dr. Trevor Rohm, Medical Director

1. Call to Order, Pledge and Invocation

Kevin Bunch, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Mr. Bunch led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the Invocation.

2. Public Comment

No public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Woodard made a motion to approve the October 26, 2023 board minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Black. Motion carried.

4. Chairman's Report

Certificates of Election and Statement of Officers

Kevin Bunch certified the Election and handed out the Statement of Officer. Statement of Officers were signed for Tim Laws.

Administration of the Oath of Office to Tim Laws.

The board welcomed the new board member. Jodi Jordan, a Texas Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to Tim Laws.

5. Chief Financial Officers Report

Presentation of financial statements for October 31, 2023.

Mr. Gafford presented the financial statements and statistical reports related to income, expenses, and budgeted operations for the periods ending October 31, 2023. For the month of October, the district had a net gain of \$243,915 for the month, which was above budget and higher than the previous year. Mr. Black made a motion to accept August financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion carried.

6. Chief Executive Officers Report

Review and approve Hospital Bylaws

Mrs. Smith presented the updated hospital bylaws to the board. The bylaws hadn't been updated in a couple of years, so the bylaws were sent to our hospital attorney, Craig Carter. Mr. Black made a motion to approve the updated bylaws as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Villa. Motion carried.

Recruitment Update

Mrs. Smith gave a brief update to the board on the recruitment of providers for the clinic. We have two recruitment agencies working with us to recruit a general surgeon. We also have Texas Tech Medical School coming in and it could be a possibility to recruit from them. Along with Texas Tech,

we're working to get cardio therapy and possibly someone to come in on a monthly basis for cardiology.

7. Interim Chief Nursing Officer Report

Mrs. Delossantos gave an update on recruitment at the facility. We currently continue to work with Filipinos and with Texas Tech surgeons. We would like to increase our surgery department and with the help of Texas Tech, we currently are increasing cases. We're continuing the search for a general surgeon to get our minor cases covered and so we wouldn't have to send them out to other facilities. We continue to wait on CMS for your state survey.

8. Medical Staff Report – Dr. Rohm

Dr. Rohm gave an update on statistics for the clinic and the hospital. We have slowed down over the last month or two. The district has decreased inpatients, and our clinic/outpatient has increased. The summer months the district is typically slow across the district.

9. Executive Session

At 6:20 pm, Mr. Bunch announced that a closed meeting would be held pursuant to Tex. Gov Code 161.032, Tex. Gov Code 551.071 and Health and Safety Code 161.032, Tex. Gov Code 551.074 At 7:36 pm, Mr. Black made a motion to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Woodard made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Black seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.



Kevin Bunch, Board Chairman