DEAF SMITH COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
Hereford Regional Medical Center

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 26, 2023

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Thursday October 26, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Education Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Tanner Black, Becky Bridwell, Carla Purcella, Kevin Bunch, Mike Schueler, Chris Woodard and Uriel Villa.
Other attendees: Candice Smith, Interim CEO; Paul Gafford, CFO: Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst.; Tim Laws, Jeff and Marci Barnhart, Stephanie Woodard, Denise Marnell, Kati Alley, Terry Hazlett, Jeff Blackmon, Hereford Brand.

1. **Call to Order, Pledge and Invocation**
   Mike Schueler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Woodard led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Scheuler offered the Invocation.

2. **Public Comment**
   No Public comments.

3. **Approval of Minutes**
   Mrs. Purcella made a motion to approve the September 28, 2023 board minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Schueler. Motion carried.

4. **Interim Chief Executive Officers Report**
   Review and approve financial statements and statistical reports for period ending September 30, 2023.
   Mr. Gafford presented the September 2023 month end financial statements and statistical reports related to income, expenses, and budgeted operations for the period ending September 30, 2023. September 2023 reflects a net gain of $1,947,253 for the month and a net gain of $2,053,068 for the year. Mr. Black made a motion to accept September 30, 2023 financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bridwell. Motion carried.
   Interim Chief Executive Officer Report
   Review and approve an agreement to hire an SLP for our therapy department.
   Mrs. Smith presented the SLP agreement to hire an SLP for our therapy department to the board. Mrs. Smith answered all the board's questions. Mrs. Bridwell made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Villa. Motion carried.
   CNO Report
   Mrs. Smith presented Mr. Mike Schueler with a plaque for his years on the Deaf Smith County Hospital Board and gave a brief letter thanking him for his tireless efforts to improve and highlight our facility. Mr. Schueler has moved to Amarillo and will no longer be on our board. All in attendance applauded and complimented Mr. Schueler for his outstanding leadership.

   Executive Session
   At 5:50 pm, Mr. Woodard 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. At 6:37 pm, Mr. Black made a motion to reconvened in open session. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bridwell. The following action was taken:

Mr. Schueler made a motion to reappoint, appoint and voluntary resignation the following providers:

Initial Appointment: Provisional Status
Bassett, Perry, MD – Emergency Medicine
Reappointment: Consulting Status
Assadourian, Assadour, MD – Cardiology
Allied Health Initial or Reappointment
Initial Appointment: Provisional Status
Kragh, Nathan, NP – Nurse Practitioner – Texas Tech
Sealey, William, CRNA – Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Adjournment**
Mr. Black made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Purcella seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Kevin Bunch, Board Chairman