

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
WALKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
July 27, 2022**

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The Board of Managers of the Walker County Hospital District, Walker County, Texas, met in a regular session, open to the public on July 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., in the Walker County Hospital District Conference room located at the First National Bank building.

Members of the Board present included:
Chairman, Anne Karr-Woodard
Vice Chairman, Joe Sapp
Manager, Curtis Montgomery
Manager, Jerry Larrison

Absent from the meeting was Manager, Lane Aiena.

Also, in attendance were Ralph Beaty, WCHD Administrator, Keli Molina WCHD Administrative Assistant, and members from the public and noted on the sign in sheet.

Agenda Item 1: Call meeting to order.

Chairman Anne Woodard called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Agenda Item 2: Consider approving the minutes for the public meeting held on June 22, 2022.

Joe Sapp made a motion to approve, Curtis Montgomery seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 3: Comments from the public. If you wish to address the Board of Managers, please register prior to the meeting being called to order.

No comments from the public were made.

Agenda Item 4: Comments and reports from Huntsville Community Hospital Corporation administration.

Patrick Shannon CEO stated they now have a permanent CFO Mary Bevier and she comes to us with 20 years CFO experience. For the month of June, the volume was very strong as well as admin and surgical volume. The GI and outpatient visits were strong too, things have improved tremendously in the Emergency Dept. We are pleased to announce that we completed another round of annual evaluations for our employees at the hospital and their merit increases go into effect on their next paycheck next week. We have been putting into place the market adjustment but we are getting closer to closing the gap, this is the first merit increase in 5 or 6 years. We are getting back on track with this type of things. We have made a lot of progress with the nursing dept and this has helped with the nurses staying with the hospital. Also, with our new anesthesia company I am proud to report we have 5 permanent CNRA'S hired thru this company with 1 physician that will be Dr. Hart that will lead the anesthesia team which will provide us with 4 OR starts 5 days a week Monday thru Friday. Our surgical volumes year to date are over 37% and the ED visits are up 1%. The hospital overall finished above target for the operational margin and we continue to look at strategies to make the hospital stronger.

Ian Gibson COO stated they have engaged with a physician recruiting firm which will focus on an OBGYN recruitment and they met with Dr. Montgomery to discuss what is needed in our community.

Agenda Item 5: Discussion and potential vote on a capital request from Huntsville Community Hospital.

Curtis Montgomery made a motion to approve, Jerry Larrison seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6: Report from Tri-County.

Evan Roberson Executive Director of Tri-County Behavioral Healthcare gave a financial and healthcare report on Tri-County and he requested additional funds to help maintain their office and hospital.

Agenda Item 7: Approve new bank signature cards for new WCHD Board Members.

Jerry Larrison made a motion to approve the new bank signature cards for the new WCHD Board Members to be added Anne Karr Woodard, Joe Sapp, Curtis Montgomery, Jerry Larrison, Lane Aiena and WCHD Administrator Ralph Beaty and to remove the past board members Robert Hardy, Susan Mott and Ron Lange, Curtis Montgomery seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 8: Review and consider approving the monthly financial reports for June 2022.

Jerry Larrison made a motion to approve, Joe Sapp seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 9: Consider approving payment of monthly bills for June 2022.

Jerry Larrison made a motion to approve, Curtis Montgomery seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

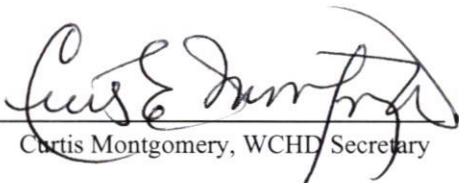
Agenda 10: Approve Order Calling for the Walker County Hospital District Board of Managers' General Election to be held November 8, 2022, for three (3) Managers to serve two (2) year terms each; and also appoint election judges, designate polling places and detailing provisions related to early voting.

After review, Jerry Larrison made a motion to approve the order calling, Curtis Montgomery seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 11: Authorize Joint Election Agreement between the County of Walker, City of Huntsville, City of New Waverly, City of Riverside, Huntsville Independent School District, New Waverly Independent School District, Richards Independent School District, and Walker County Hospital District for the November 8, 2022, General Election. After review, Curtis Montgomery made a motion to authorize the Joint Election Agreement, Jerry Larrison seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 12: Adjourn meeting.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.


Curtis Montgomery, WCHD Secretary


Anne Woodard, WCHD Chairman