

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
WALKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
September 28, 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 September 28, 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 Woodard
 Vice Chairman, Joe Sapp
 Secretary, Curtis Montgomery
 Manager, Jerry Larrison
 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 6:00 pm.

Agenda Item 2: Consider approving the minutes for the public meetings held on August 24, 2022.

Joe Sapp made a motion to approve, Dr. 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.

Shannon Patrick CEO stated that August was a busy month, our Chief Nursing Officer Jose Guerra is in a CIHQ Convention Conference in Dallas due to our transitioning to join commission to CIHQ. We are expecting CIHQ next month to join us and we are getting ready for a mock survey team which will help us to improve here at the hospital. We are now down to about seven agency nurses from the 60 at market that we were at during the height of Covid. The nurses and directors have started patient rounding daily and it has been going well so far. We have also started a Physician Advisory Council which HMH had in the past but this time it's really for physician engagement and it's going well too.

Mary Bevier CFO stated for the month of August our admissions were at 315, patient days were 1,542 and our year to date was 5.03 % length to stay, surgical total was at 174, GI volumes are 265 cases, emergency visits were 1,869 and our ED visits were 3,756 to date.

Ian Gibson COO had a few updates and stated that Dr. Tim Deahl is closing his delivery practice here and we will be supporting Dr. Montgomery. We have hired Arianna Fresquez MD – Obstetrics from Nacogdoches to work here from October thru December. We are continuing to recruit for both midwives and OBGYN. We are interviewing now and would like to hire for two positions. We are waiting for some surgical towers and are trying new surgical equipment. We are trying to reequip the surgical department. We are also replacing some ceiling tiles and working on the plumbing in the patient's rooms and having the hvacs worked on or replaced.

Anna Smith Director Revenue Cycle gave a brief report on the Indigent Care and stated for the month of August they had 738 applicants to apply for the Indigent Care Program and out of that 377 were renewals, 439 were denials, 112 were denied because they were over the 50% poverty level but they did qualify for Hospital Charity Care. Anna stated they did approve 187 applicants for the Indigent Care Program.

Agenda Item 5: Review and consider approving the monthly financial reports for August 2022.

Curtis Montgomery made a motion to approve, Lane Aiena seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6: Consider approving payment of monthly bills for August 2022.

Curtis Montgomery made a motion to approve, Lane Aiena seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7: Approve the Unopposed Candidate certificate for the November 8, 2022 election.


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

Agenda Item 8: Approve the Order Cancellation for the November 8, 2022 election.

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

Agenda Item 9: Adjourn meeting.

With their being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.


Curtis Montgomery, WCHD Secretary


Anne Woodard, WCHD Chairman