

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
WALKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
December 07, 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 December 07, 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 6:05 pm.

Agenda Item 2: Consider approving the minutes for the public meeting held on October 26, 2022.

Joe Sapp made a motion to approve, Jerry Larrison 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 had town hall meetings all week with their staff. We received a grant for family medicine residency starting this July 2023 and this grant gives us about \$160,000 per resident. The new dean Thomas Mohr at SUSU Med School helped us to receive this grant. From a volume perspective the hospital is doing well the ED volumes are continuing to do well. Our length of stay has dropped down to a 5 from a 6 and we are striving for a 4. The covid cases are in the low single cases right now. The surgeries have gone up 38% from the prior year.

Ian Gibson COO stated we have been recruiting for a OBGYN since Dr. Diehl has retired and left the market and we finally have some good candidates right now. We have some interviews lined up for this Friday. We have brought in a nurse midwife Julie Quinn and she is working under Mr. Montgomery and he is supervising her. She will be seeing and delivering patients at the hospital. We are now putting in place some things to help with workplace violence, if needed we will be more prepared such as panic buttons in key areas of the hospital, magnetic locking doors, upgrading our camera systems and also education in training to keep yourself safe with our staff.

Mary Bevier CFO stated that admissions volumes are up from prior year about .6%, admissions for the year thru October are 1,311, length of stay for October is 4.8, CMI is at 1.3 and the GI was at 1,021 cases. There will not be another IGT payment due until February 2023.

Agenda Item 5: Oath of Office for board members.

Judge Danny Pierce administered the Oath of Office to Anne Woodard, Curtis Montgomery and Jerry Larrison and each one of them accepted the duties required

Agenda Item 6: Elect positions for board members.

Joe Sapp made a motion to nominate Anne Woodard as head of chair for the board, Curtis Montgomery seconded. Curtis Montgomery made a motion to nominate Joe Sapp for Vice-Chair of the board, Lane Aiena seconded. Anne Woodard nominated Curtis Montgomery to be secretary of the board, Lane Aiena seconded. All motions carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7: Review and consider approving the monthly financial report for October 2022.

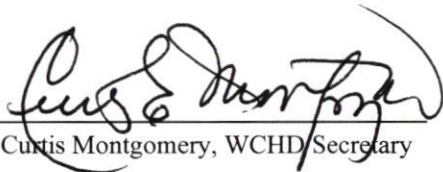
Curtis Montgomery made a motion to approve, Joe Sapp seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 8: Consider approving payment of monthly bills for October 2022.


Jerry Larrison made a motion to approve, Lane Aiena 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