NOLAN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APRIL 28, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Holcomb, Rodney Foster, Jose Villafranca, Ken Becker, Mila Gibson, Dr. Eaker, Carla Howard/Recorder

MEMBERS ABSENT: Erica Castro, Wes Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug Dippel, Rhonda Guelker, Julie Hall, Jewel Parker, Keri Halford, Mike Procopio, Ame Bennett, Dr. Eaker, Dorthey Blueford, Aaron Milligan-Durbin & Co.

Steve Holcomb called the regular meeting of the Nolan County Hospital Board of Directors to order at 5:12 p.m. Mr. Holcomb announced that a quorum was present, that the meeting had been duly called and that notice of the meeting has been posted for time and manner as required by law.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the March 2025 Board meeting were reviewed. **Motion was made by Jose Villafranca to approve the minutes of the March 2025 meeting and was seconded by Rodney Foster; motion carried.**

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen's input.

Rhonda Guelker introduced Aaron Milligan, CPA with Durbin & Co., to the Board to present the 2024 audit. The Board was presented with a copy of the audit as well as Mr. Milligan provided a slide presentation. It was a clean audit. There was a detailed discussion between the Board and Mr. Milligan.

Motion was made by Mila Gibson to approve the FY 2024 audit report and was seconded by Rodney Foster; motion carried.

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER REPORT

Dr. Eaker stated the Medical Staff Committee suspended privileges to one of the radiologists and will be removed from the schedule. The Blackwell Clinic is slowing down with summer coming on. They will be providing sports physicals to the students next week at the school. He reported that the ER group is doing well.

Ame Bennett informed the Board of plans for Hospital Week, May 11th-17th. There are several events that will take place throughout the week. She invited the Board to come for lunch on Tuesday, May 13th from 11:00-1:00, and the service awards on Wednesday, May 14th at 2:00.

Ms. Halford stated Nurses' week is May 6th -12th and are working on events.

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Mrs. Bennett introduced the "Give a Dime" campaign for the new Employee Assistance program. She explained how this program benefits our employees if disaster issues occur.

FINANCE

Rhonda Guelker gave handouts on March 2025 financials. She stated she had given a detailed report at the Finance Committee meeting on Thursday April 24th. She gave a brief overview of the finances to the Board.

Motion was made by Rodney Foster to approve March 2025 financial statements and was seconded by Jose Villafranca; motion carried.

Motion was made by Rodney Foster to approve March 2025 accounts payable and payroll and was seconded by Jose Villafranca; motion carried.

Motion was made by Ken Becker to approve March 2025 bad debt write off list in the amount of $252,477.68 and was seconded by Mila Gibson; motion carried.

Motion was made by Mila Gibson to approve the Quarterly Reserve Fund Analysis Report and the Quarterly Physical Therapy Fund Analysis Report and was seconded by Jose Villafranca; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made at 6:00 p.m. to enter into Executive Session by Ken Becker and was seconded by Mila Gibson as authorized by Government Code Section §161.032 of the Texas Health and Safety Code for the purpose of discussing the following matter: to wit:

A. Credentialing Files
B. Quality Report
   a. Quality Management Oversight-Standing Items (Informational Items)
C. Policy #2594-Medical Staff and Rules and Regulations
D. Tele-Radiology
E. Patient Experience Report

And consider into Executive Session as authorized by Government Code Section §551.074 ET. Seq. Texas Government Code for the purpose of discussing the following matter:

A. Personnel

Motion was made by Ken Becker at 6:06 p.m. to reconvene to the regular session and was seconded by Mila Gibson; motion carried.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Dippel stated there were hand-outs of the "Board Self-Assessment Evaluation" and instructed them to fill it out and return it to Carla Howard, Board Secretary.

Mr. Dippel gave an update on Vesta Radiology group and the lack of quick turnaround time for x-rays, he and the Board agreed to go ahead and sign a contract with High Plains Radiology group from Amarillo.

Mr. Dippel stated they have a new Radiology director, Victor Drake. He comes with a lot of experience and maximizing imaging revenue.

Mr. Dippel gave an update on the Financial Recovery Plan with handouts. He and the Board had a detailed discussion to enhance the revenue.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Ken Becker to approve the Credentialing Files, and the Quality report was seconded by Mila Gibson; motion carried.

Motion was made by Mila Gibson to approve the Policy #2594 Medical Rules & Regulations, and Patient Experience Report was seconded by Jose Villafranca; motion carried.

Mrs. Guelker requested the purchase of Interface for Lab and Dr. Anderson to be available to use the hospital EMR.

Motion was made by Mila Gibson to approve the purchase of Lab Interface for Dr. Anderson EMR and was seconded by Rodney Foster; motion carried.

Mrs. Guelker presented the contractual obligation resolution for an MRI to the Board. They had a discussion, and it was decided to wait for approval by Government Capital. The Board agreed to table the item until more information is available.

Motion was made by Ken Becker to table the contractual obligation for an MRI until next month's Board meeting and was seconded by Jose Villafranca; motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting body, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Steve Holcomb, Chairman