

# TRMC Board of Managers

## Minutes

August 30, 2021



The Titus County Hospital District Board of Managers met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 30, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. via zoom with dial in.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Don Lowry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ATTENDEES: All Remote:** Don Lowry, Rob Holliday, Tony Rundles, Trent Abbott, Royce Carr, Andy Fortenberry, Ricky Baker, Terry Scoggin (CEO), Dr. William Hooks (COS).

**ADMINISTRATION: All Remote:** Patricia Boeckmann, Jaime Mitchell, Kathy Griffis, Tim Pugsley, Cynthia Gaddy, Dr. Colton Bradshaw (CMO), Jeff Drummond

**VISITORS:** None

**Staff Recognition / Leadership Wins & Other Newsworthy Items:**

- 🏆 EMS – Achieved Gold Plus Lifeline
- 🏆 Dr. Sigal was recognized in the Texas Monthly Top Physician List

**PUBLIC COMMENTS GERMANE TO HOSPITAL DISTRICT BUSINESS LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board convened to Executive Session at 5:40 p.m. Don Lowry ended Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. with a unanimous vote.

**REGULAR SESSION:** Regular session reconvened at 6:10 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- I. Consider and approve minutes of the TCHD regular Board Meeting – July 26, 2021
- II. Consider and approve minutes of the Board Finance Committee – July 22, 2021
- III. Consider for approval Medical Staff appointments and reappointments, policies and other matters relating to the Medical Staff Committee Reports.

Don Lowry asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda listed items above.

- ❖ **Motion:** A motion was made by Tony Rundles and seconded by Ricky Baker to approve the listed Consent Agenda items. The motion carried with unanimous vote.

**COVID 19 Update:**

- COVID presentation on current status (see slide deck)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Booster details are becoming more available; expect more direction in next 45 days
- Hospitals are trending up with no availability for additional patients
- Strike nurse staffing continues with TRMC nurses floating from other departments to assist in ED
- All American Testing is set up outdoors by the Marketing building with hours of 9:00 – 5:00.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

Administrative Reports were presented by Executive Team members.



Don Lowry asked for a motion to approve the Administration reports as presented to the Board.

- ❖ **Motion:** A motion was made by Trent Abbott and seconded by Royce Carr to approve the Administration Reports as presented to the Board. The motion carried with unanimous vote.

#### **FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

The Financial Report was presented by Jaime Mitchell. Don Lowry asked for a motion to approve the July 2021 Financial Reports as presented to the Board.

- ❖ **Motion:** A motion was made by Tony Rundles and seconded by Trent Abbott to approve the July 2021 Financial Reports as presented to the Board. The motion carried with unanimous vote.

Consider and take action to approve the emergency Capital Purchase of second ambulance. Added to agenda at the meeting due to the emergent status of the ambulance fleet and moving delivery dates (6 to 8 months).

- ❖ **Motion:** A motion was made by Trent Abbott and seconded by Royce Carr to approve the emergency purchase of second ambulance as presented to the Board. The motion carried with unanimous vote.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Consider and take Action to Approve Proposed Property Tax Rate for Tax Year 2021.** Don Lowry asked for a motion to approve the Proposed Property Tax Rate for Tax Year 2021 as presented to the Board.

- ❖ **Motion:** A motion was made by Royce Carr and seconded by Tony Rundles to approve the Proposed Property Tax Rate as presented to the Board. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote:

- Don Lowry                      yay
- Tony Rundles                yay
- Rob Holliday                yay
- Trent Abbott                yay
- Andy Fortenberry        yay
- Royce Carr                 yay
- Ricky Baker                yay

- ❖ **Motion:** A motion was made by Ricky Baker and seconded by Royce Carr to approve the Resolution to Adopt Texas Property Tax Code for 2021 as presented to the Board. The motion carried with unanimous vote.

**Notification of Enactment of CMS Waiver for Covid-19 / Respiratory Clinic/Urgent Care** letter provided to the Board was reviewed and discussed by Patty Boeckmann. An operations decision was made to open a respiratory clinic/urgent care services (walk-in) clinic to support ongoing access and flow through the Emergency Department due to the increased boarding of critically ill patients in the Emergency Department due to COVID. This clinic was opened under an active CMS Covid Waiver. Additional details in board packet.



**Discussion and Consideration for Approval of name change of existing bank account for 340B Contract Pharmacy**

- ❖ **Motion:** A motion was made by Rob Holliday and seconded by Andy Fortenberry to approve the Entity Authorization Name Change of existing bank account for 340B Contract Pharmacy as presented to the Board. The motion carried with unanimous vote.

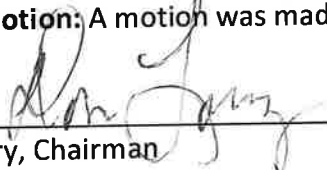
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board convened to Executive Session at 7:03 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION:** Regular session reconvened at 7:27 p.m. with a unanimous vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Don Lowry ended Regular session at 7:29 p.m. with a unanimous vote.

- ❖ **Motion:** A motion was made by Rob Holliday and seconded by Tony Rundles to adjourn.

  
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Don Lowry, Chairman

  
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Tony Rundles, Secretary