



**RICE HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

August 24, 2020

6:30pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Mike Spanihel, Chairman *(via Teleconference)* Jeff Frnka, Vice Chair *(via Teleconference)*
Joe McCreary *(via Teleconference)* Joan Matthews *(via Teleconference)*
Mark Anderson *(via Teleconference)* Audrey Schneider *(via Teleconference)*
Billy Hefner *(via Teleconference)* Jamy Dingler *(via Teleconference)*
Vicki Powers, Secretary/Treasurer *(via Teleconference)*

GUESTS PRESENT:

James D. Janek, CEO Charlie Slaton, CAH, President *(via Videoconference)*
MaryJo Spanihel, PM Susan Hernandez, CNO
Sanjuana Martinez, Administrative Assist. Dina Hermes, Corporate CFO *(via Videoconference)*

ABSENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Rice Hospital District was called to order by Joe Mike Spanihel, Chair at 6:30p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Mark Anderson gave the invocation for all present.

III. BOARD EDUCATION

Board Liability/Webinars – James D. Janek, CEO

James Janek gave a presentation about board members liability and mandatory board education. He also provided some information about a virtual board education program offered by THT and SORH. (See Attachment A)

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Jeff Frnka moved, and Joan Matthews seconded to approve the July 27, 2020 minutes. The motion carried. (See Attachment B)

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Advise/Consent: CAD Assessment/Collections Services Agreement – Dina Hermes, Corporate CFO

Sanjuana Martinez informed the board member that the CAD contract was updated to change the Rollback Election clause per CAD, the wording was replaced with Voter-

Approval/Automatic Election. She also, informed that it was recommended to extend the term of the contract for multiple years, Dina Hermes recommended to renew for a 3-year term. Joe McCreary moved, and Jeff Frnka seconded to approve the updated Assessment/Collection Service Agreement as submitted. (See Attachment C)

B. Advise/Consent: Designation of Officer/Employee – Dina Hermes, Corporate CFO

Sanjuana Martinez informed the board that Dina Hermes was not an employee of RHD, therefore, she cannot be the designee officer. She also informed that it was recommended to assign a contracted employee. The chief appraiser, Robert Maes, qualifies as he is in a contract with RHD. After a brief discussion, Vicki Powers moved, and Billy Hefner seconded to approve the designee, Robert Maes. Motion carried. (See Attachment D)

C. Advise/Consent: Notice of Effective Tax Rate - Dina Hermes, Corporate CFO
After an extensive discussion Joan Matthew moved, and Mark Anderson seconded to approve the proposed Tax Rate to .22000. Motion carried. Notice of Public Hearing meeting will be published within the next few days according to regulations. Dina Hermes informed of the due date to adopt the tax rate, September 21st.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Advise/Consent: Notice About 2020 Tax Rate - Dina Hermes, Corporate CFO
Dina Hermes presented the Notice about 2020 Tax Rate for approval. Billy Hefner moved, and Jeff Frnka seconded to approve the form as submitted. Motion carried. Dina Hermes informed the board members about the new requirement posting this Notice and that the form will be signed by the designated officer and publish at the CAD website. (See Attachment E)

B. Advise/Consent: RHD Website – Dina Hermes, Corporate CFO
Dina Hermes informed the board members about the new law requirements for tax units located in a county that has a population of 200,000 or less. The District is required to post certain information on a general accessible website beginning 2021. IT department will create a website for RHD and will present it to the board for approval.

C. Advise: CAD 2021 Adopted Budget – Dina Hermes, Corporate CFO
Dina Hermes presented the CAD 2021 Adopted Budget to the board members. (See Attachment F)

VIII. REPORTS

A. LLC Board Report – Jeff Frnka, LLC Chair

Jeff Frnka report for the 5:30pm RMC, LLC Board meeting:

- Dashboard report was given by Susan, MaryJo, Sanjuana and Jim.
- Dina gave the monthly financial report.
- Susan Hernandez gave the nursing report.
- MaryJo Spanihel gave the clinic report.
- Charlie reported that the hospital received \$1.4 million last month. He also gave some good news in regards CMS.
- James Janek gave his Telemedicine and CEO report.

B. Finance Report -Dina Hermes, Corporate CFO

Financial reports reported that the Hospital District had a total revenue of \$143,304.67 and a total net loss of \$358,816.54 for the month of July 2020. (See Attachment G)

C. CAH Report - Charlie Slaton, CAH President

Charlie Slaton reported that the hospital received about \$1.4 million payment for the District DSRIP participation; they also received a small amount for UHRIP. The next opportunity to participate is in January 2021 for \$832,000 IGT, which should give the hospital a payment of \$2.18 million. He informed that we are waiting for confirmation from CMS about the continuation of the emergency declaration into year 2021, this will reset the multiplier from 2.23 up to 3.05 based on the COVID-19 pandemic declaration. Also, we received good news from CMS, they approved the TDHHS requested waiver for TX hospital associated with patient volumes in the hospitals and rural clinic, therefore the hospital and clinics will receive the funding.

D. CEO's Report - James D. Janek, CEO

James Janek gave his written monthly CEO report. (See Attachment H)

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

CEO

Rice Hospital District's Board of Directors will announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, regarding any agenda item, and pursuant to Texas Government Code sections 551.071– 551.086, as amended, to receive advice from or consult with legal counsel on pending or threatened litigation or settlement offer; to deliberate regarding real property; to deliberate about gifts or donations; to discuss personnel matters; and/or discuss matters involving competitively sensitive information or new product lines.

Upon emerging from Executive Session at 8:09 p.m., James Janek stated that he will talk to the city Mayor and City manager in regards to the Endeavors program and will take this topic to the ELCH board.

X. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, Jeff Frnka made a motion and Joan Matthews seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Joe Mike Spanihel, Chair

Date