



**RICE HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

JUNE 26, 2023

7:00pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Mike Spanihel, Chairman
Vicki Powers, Secretary/Treasurer
Mark Anderson
Billy Hefner

Jeff Frnka, Vice Chair
Joan Matthews
Audrey Schneider

GUESTS PRESENT:

Kurt Sunderman, CEO
MaryJo Spanihel, PM
Michele Carter, CNO
Sanjuana Martinez, Administrative Assist.

Charlie Slaton *(via Videoconference)*
Dina Hermes, Corporate CFO *(via Videoconference)*
Matt Gilbert *(via Videoconference)*
Charles Huffman

ABSENT:

Joe McCreary

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Rice Hospital District was called to order by Joe Mike Spanihel, Chairman at 7:05 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Mark Anderson gave the invocation for all present.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Joan Matthews moved, and Vicki Powers seconded to approve the May 22, 2023 minutes. The motion carried. (See Attachment A)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Advise/Consent:** Vacated Seat – Joe Mike Spanihel, Chairman
Kurt Sunderman introduced Reverend Charles Huffman to the board. Billy Hefner moved, and Vicki Powers seconded to nominate Reverend Charles Huffman for the vacated seat. The motion carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Advise/Consent:** Invoice – Dina Hermes, CFO
Joan Matthews moved, and Audrey Schneider seconded to approve the Indigent Care invoice. The motion carried. (See Attachment B)
Joan Matthews moved, and Audrey Schneider seconded to approve the Matt Gilbert Consulting invoice. The motion carried. (See Attachment C)

- B. Advise/Consent:** Engagement Letter CPA – Dina Hermes, CFO
Billy Hefner moved, and Vicki Powers seconded to approve the Engagement Letter as submitted. The motion carried. (See Attachment D)
- C. Advise/Consent:** 2024 CAD Preliminary Budget – Kurt Sunderman, CEO / Dina Hermes, CFO
Kurt Sunderman and Dina Hermes presented the 2024 CAD Preliminary Budget. After a brief discussion Jeff Frnka moved, and Vicki Powers seconded to send a letter to CAD regarding the significant increases in the budget. The motion carried. (See Attachment E) Kurt Sunderman will draft the letter and send it to Joe Mike for approval and signature.
- D. Advise/Consent:** DSH Recoupment – Sanjuana Martinez, EA
Dina Hermes stated that we received a DSH notice that the hospital needs to refund \$40,375.58 and was not expecting it. She contacted Adam Brown about three weeks ago asking if they could waive the state portion amount of \$16,881.03. And how long to repay the funds. He was going to ask his superiors and get back to her. She tried to contact him several times since then to follow up on the answers but as of now she has not heard back from him. Mark Gilbert stated that the District cannot take action on this item because the district did not provide these funds. (See Attachment F)
- E. Advise/Consent:** UC Recoupment – Sanjuana Martinez, EA
Dina Hermes stated that we received UC notice that the hospital needs to refund \$343,009.00. This was expected and it is already in the financials. She contacted Adam Brown about three weeks ago asking if they could waive the state share portion, \$143,412.06. And how long to repay the funds. He was going to ask his superiors and get back to her. She tried to contact him several times since then to follow up on the answers but as of now she has not heard back from him. She presented a letter requesting to waive the state share portion of demanded overpayment. Matt Gilbert informed that he had a conversation with the deputy director at HHSC this afternoon and asked if the hospital can pay the amount over time and she said that it is possible because HHSC allowed several hospitals in the past to pay over time. He also asked about the possibility of waiving the nonfederal portion and she was not sure if this is possible, but she will investigate. Matt Gilbert stated that if this is something the District wants to explore he can draft a letter to HHSC requesting to waive the return of \$143,412, the nonfederal portion. (See Attachment G). Vicki Powers moved, and Mark Anderson seconded to approve sending a letter to HHSC requesting to waive the return of the 143,412.06. The motion carried.

VII. REPORTS

- A. CAHRMC Board Report** – Joan Matthews, CAHRMC Vice President
Joan Matthews reported from the 5:30 pm CAHRMC board meeting:
- Kurt Sunderman presented a program on a new possible change in surgery.
 - Dina Hermes presented an update on the grants. The hospital applied for some grants, one was denied, and others are still pending.
 - Dina Hermes presented the FSH and US recoupments also presented in this meeting.
 - The hospital approved a capital purchase for the Lab.
 - Shelly Carter talked about some of the changes she is making for the Nursing department.

B. Finance Report -Dina Hermes, Corporate CFO

Dina Hermes presented the financial reports, she reported that the Hospital District had total revenue of \$187,284.86 and a total net income of \$58,598.69 for the month of May 2023. (See Attachment C)

C. CAH Report - Charlie Slaton, CAH President

Charlie Slaton gave an update on the property tax reform. He stated that it appears it will not impact hospitals.

D. CEO's Report – Kurt Sunderman, CEO

Kurt Sunderman gave his written monthly CEO report. (See Attachment H)

VIII. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss Billy Hefner made a motion and Jeff Frnka seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Joe Mike Spanihel, Chairman

Date