

Kimble County Hospital District
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Bill Simon, Bobby Chenault , Barbara Conklin, Lewis Allen, Marshall Heap and Nicholas Lumbley. Paul Bierschwale was unable to attend. Preferred Corporate Office; Jared Chanski Executive Vice President (teleconference) and Kathy Mechler Director of Services (in person). Also attending Sue Gentry D.O.N. Kimble Hospital

Visitors: Junction Eagle reporter: Larry Harrison for Sarah.

1. Call to order and establish quorum.

A quorum was established, 6 members present. The meeting was called to order by Board President Simon at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Kimble Hospital. Mr. Allen opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Public comment (limited to 5 minutes/participant or 15 minutes/organization).

No public comment.

3. Approval of prior meeting minutes: January 17, 2022

Board President Simon led the board to review and adopt the regular scheduled monthly KCHD Board meeting minutes presented for January 17, 2022 and Special Meeting minutes for February 18, 2022; *Mr. Lumbley made a motion to approve the February 18, 2022 Special Meeting minutes as presented and Mr. Allen seconded the motion, the motion passed 5-0, with Mrs. Conklin abstaining because she was not present at that meeting.*

Mrs. Conklin made a motion to approve the January 17, 2022 meeting minutes as presented and Mr. Allen seconded the motion, the motion passed 4-0. Mr. Lumbley and Mr. Heap abstained due to not being present at the meeting.

4. Discuss and consider update by Preferred on operation of KCHD's medical facilities and administration.

Jared Chanski Executive Vice President for Preferred (via phone) introduced Kathy Mechler Director of Services (also for Preferred) as fill in administrator (for the departed Duke Young) until named Interim Administrator (John O'Hearn) arrives. Chanski turned the update over to Mechler. Mechler reported on the activities at the Hospital and Clinic to date:

I. Hospital/ Clinic Reports.

a. Key Statistics

i. Inpatient days	54
ii. Outpatient Services	
1. JMC	581
2. RSMC	105
3. Radiology	255
4. Laboratory	1898
iii. Emergency Department	182

II. Kimble County Covid: Mechler reported on statistics taken from the CDC website for Kimble County.

III. Capital Equipment:

- a. Purchased 4 Nihon Kohden monitors (covid money)
- b. Authorized purchase of new ultrasound (also covid money)

IV. Equipment: Generator was undergoing needed repair work.

V. Medical Staff

a. Re-credentialing Al Lopez P.A.

b. New Credentialing Sara Gabara N.P.

No official action was required and none was taken.

5. Discuss and consider personnel (executive session)

No action taken---none was needed.

6. Discuss and consider KCHD Treasurer's reports (financial, budget, and bill payments).

Mrs. Conklin presented the current financials (including deposits made) through February 24, 2022 and also reported on bills that had been paid, transfers made and bond payments made. Some discussions were had about the tobacco fund reporting (due next month according to Bill) ---Chanski speaking to Preferred's involvement in this matter----no action was taken.

Board President Simon called for action on the presented financials.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the financials, the motion was seconded by Mr. Heap and the motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Heap made a motion to approve the payment of \$1500 (per this qtr.) to new CPA Ashley Causey with CPA firm Davidson- Freedle Espenhover and Overby P.C., the motion was seconded by Mr.

Lumbley and the motion passed 6-0.

Conklin then reported it was time to re-install Junction National Bank as depository of all KCHD CD's.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Chenault to give signature authority to KCHD Treasurer Conklin to keep Junction National Bank as depository of Kimble Hospital District C.D. 's. The motion passed, the vote was 5 for with 1 abstaining (Lumbley is on the JNB Board of Directors).

7. Discuss and consider 2020-2021 Hospital District annual audit.

Treasurer Conklin reported to the board (to give insight) the work she had been doing with the auditors and the level of responsibility (of all Board members) that went along with this activity.

No action needed at this meeting----none taken.

8. Discuss and consider health care issues for KCHD and Kimble County.

There is no new information on the indigent care policies. Mr. Chanski did speak on the need to act with great consideration on any direction taken on this matter. Discussion was had among the board members.

No action taken.

9. Discuss and consider 2022 Board elections.

Board President Simon discussed the process of finding a new board member after Heap's term is up in May 2022.

10. Discuss and consider buildings and grounds repair.

Board President Simon brought a bid proposal on driveway/roadway repair (east of hospital) to the table for review and discussion. Much discussion ensued among members about the cost---especially with Heap and Lumbley. Due to the discussions, an action was taken.

Mr. Allen made a motion to give authority to Mr. Heap and Mr. Lumbley to seek other bids to repair the driveway/roadway east of the hospital. Mrs. Conklin seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.


11. Discuss and consider date and agenda items for next meeting(s).

President Simon led the board to set a date for the next regularly scheduled KCHD Board meeting for March 28th 6pm.

12. Adjourn.

Board President Simon called for adjournment at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Bobby Chenault, Board Secretary