

**Nocona General Hospital
Board of Directors Meeting
February 20, 2024**

Board Members Present:

Charles May, President
Ken Koontz, Vice-President
Kristal Ferguson
Paula Webb
Ron Brown

Absent:

Chris Keck, Secretary
Cris Lemon

Hospital Administration:

Lance Meekins, CEO; Rebecca Hamilton, Admin Asst./HR

Medical Staff:

Len Dingler, MD

Others Present:

Brian Jackson, Jackson & Carter, PLLC

Meeting was called to order by President, Charles May at 12:32 PM.

Approval of Previous Minutes from the January 16, 2024 Regular Meeting

Ron Brown made a motion to approve both the minutes of the January 16, 2024 Regular Meeting and Kristal Ferguson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Input

None

Old Business

None

New Business:

Presentation and Discussion: Genesis Wellness and Pain

Rescheduled

Discussion and Possible Vote on January 2024 Financial Statements

Lance presented the following report to the board:

For January the hospital finished with 29 admissions; 798 outpatient discharges, including 12 surgeries; 272 ER visits; 85 ambulance calls; 375 home health visits; and 2046 clinic visits. Additionally, there were 14 observation admissions. This utilization resulted in gross revenue of

about \$2.34M, exceeding budget by 18%. For the year gross revenue overall exceeds budget by 2.8%. The average daily census was 4.4 patients with an average length of stay of 4.4 days.

For year over year comparison:

- Gross revenue is exceeding budget by about 0.25%, within 0.25% of last year, and down about 11.8% from 2 years ago. Net revenue is up about 11% from last year, a great sign that I hope continues as that is where the cash is. I believe it is a combination of obviously the higher utilization thus far; but also, better collections as well. Expenses are about 13% higher than last year, as stated last month, mostly due to the addition of Dr. Cooper's practice, lab, and pharmacy as the flu season is upon us.
- The ADC is up about 0.5 patients or 15%.
- Admissions are up 10%.
- The ALOS is down is the same.
- Outpatient discharges are similar.
- ER visits are down 10% as expected.
- Ambulance calls are up 10%.
- Obs admissions are up 28%.
- O/P surgeries are up 20%.
- Clinic visits are up 2%.
- FTEs are about the same.

January is always a heavy tax collection month, and net QIPP payments of about \$535,000 were received for the year 6 IGT refund scorecard and year 7 monthly payments for November and October.

Paula Webb made a motion to accept the January 2024 financials as presented, and Ken Koontz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Vote on Certification of Unopposed Candidates

Paula Webb made a motion to certify the unopposed candidates filing for the May 4, 2024 election, and Ken Koontz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Vote on Cancellation of May 4, 2024 Election

Ken Koontz made a motion to cancel the May 4, 2024 election. Paula Webb seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve SECO and E3 Grant in the Amount of \$286,662 and Authorize CEO to Enter into a Contract with SECO and E3 for a Lighting Project at a Cost Not to Exceed \$286,662

As discussed previously, the hospital, with the assistance of E3, had applied for a lighting grant from SECO (State Energy Conservation Office) for an interior and exterior LED lighting retrofit. The hospital has received funding in the amount of \$286,662.00. There are several steps that need to take place quickly to secure the funding (which must be utilized over the course of the next year). We will try to coordinate as best we can with any future remodel, but with the year deadline, the focus of these grant funds may be areas not included in the remodel plans. Lance asked the Board for authorization to enter into contracts with SECO and E3 to accept and utilize the grants funds in an amount not to exceed \$286,662.00. When an actual plan is finalized, it will be brought to the Board for approval.

Ron Brown made a motion to authorize the CEO to enter into contracts with SECO and E3 for lighting projects, pending approval by legal counsel, for a cost not to exceed \$286,662. Paula Webb seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Convene to Closed Session for the Following Purposes:

- a) **Texas Government Code Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney**
No Closed Session

Administrative Report

Lance presented the following report to the Board:

Clinic/ER renovation

I have attached a timeline from David regarding the expansion project.

March 26 th	Issue drawings for proposals
April 16 th 3pm	Bid Date
By April 23 rd	Sign Contracts
Before June 6 th	Break Ground for Addition

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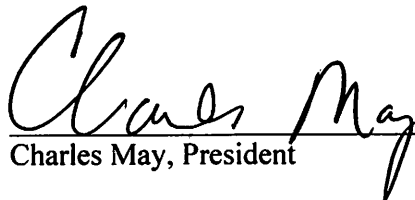
Lexi Thompson will be leaving us shortly as she and her family are moving to Fort Worth. I have had several meetings with Genesis Wellness and Pain. They currently serve Henrietta, Seymour, and Olney among others. In addition to general anesthesia services, for which they would bill us a daily rate, they have an extensive pain management program set up in those areas as well with significant volume. I am currently vetting them with those hospitals, and we most likely will have Jacob Jordan at a meeting soon.

It appears that Nick's time continues to diminish as he has moved to Albany and does not appear to be a long-term answer. I did reach out to Nick initially to take over the anesthesia service, but he stated that with his new services in Abilene starting soon that it would not be possible.

Medical Staff Report: Nothing to Report

Other Business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 1:07 PM.



Charles May, President



Chris Keck, Secretary