

TRINITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2023-Monthly Meeting/Tax Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Randy Karnes.

Board Members Present:

Randy Karnes, President
Marjory Pulvino, Vice President
Cheryl Spearman, Secretary
Patricia Rogers
Laura Huffman
Michelle Medlock
Steve Hancock
Deana Shelly
Sunnie Frye

Board Members Absent: **None**

Others Present:

Billy Goodin, Executive Assistant to the Board
Kent Waters, Administrator, MidCoast Trinity
Roxann Langston, DON MidCoast Trinity
Orrin Hargrave, OnPoint
Connie Bryant, HCA
Ian Gibson, COO Huntsville Memorial

*Denotes Guests that addressed the board

II. INVOCATION Steve Hancock provided the invocation.

PUBLIC FORUM-Tax Hearing

Randy Karnes welcomed those in attendance and opened the floor for any discussions or questions regarding the 2023 Tax Rate. There were no questions or comments presented during the public forum.

IV. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly Board Meeting held on August 17, 2023, were reviewed by the Board.

Action: Marjory Pulvino made the motion to accept the minutes as written for the August 18, 2023, Monthly Board Meeting. Sunnie Frye seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

V. PRESENTATION OF MIDCOAST REPORT: Presented by Kent Waters, Administrator, MidCoast-Trinity

Kent Waters gave an update on the progress of reopening the ER and hospital. The State Architectural Survey was performed on August 23, 2023 and there were some corrective issues discovered that would need to be addressed. Kent is confident that he can fix those deficiencies. To date, Kent said that they had not received the final report and it had been a month since the inspection. Unfortunately, the state does not have a deadline for getting the report to us. Kent said that Randy Karnes had had a conversation with Representative Trent Ashby, about reaching out to the ARU. Kent said we need that deficiency report so we can determine exactly what can be grandfathered on some of the deficiencies. He would like to engage the architect, Mr. Fitzpatrick, to help explain why some parts of the hospital building have been grandfathered and why some items were deemed acceptable in the past. Kent is going to put together a press release for the public explaining the status of reopening.

Waters also distributed a list of acronyms for medical groups, agencies and regulations, etc. that are commonly used.

VI. PRESENTATION OF STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Monthly Financial Report

The Monthly Financial Report was distributed, and it was presented by Orrin Hargrave with OnPoint. Mr. Hargrave reported that tax percent collections for the current tax year were at 93%. Mr. Hargrave also discussed the financial data as listed below, the Money Market Account balance and included the Pledge Report from the First National Bank of Trinity. Mr. Hargrave also presented an update on the TexasCLASS investment pool performance.

<u>Compilation of Financial Statements – Assets</u>	<u>August 31, 2023</u>
Cash on hand	\$ 250.00
Checking	\$ 76,145.03
TexasCLASS cash	\$ 1,745,270.25
Money market account FNB	\$ 431,756.00
Grant Account FNB	\$ 71,074.83
Property taxes receivable	\$ 535,104.70
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ (217,354.06)
Prepaid Insurance	\$ 56,987.40
 Total Current Assets	 \$ 2,669,234.15

For the current month Total Revenues were **\$27,627.30**, Total Operating Expenses were **\$105,188.22**. Operating Revenues in Excess of (Less Than) Expenses were **(\$77,560.92)**.

Action: Cheryl Spearman moved that the financial report be accepted by the Board. Laura Huffman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

VII. PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee: Presented by Randy Karnes, President

Randy stated that he had spoken with our state representative, Trent Ashby, and had given him information about why our ER and hospital had not opened. Representative Ashby was very receptive and understanding and said he would like to help us. Randy also reported that the Texas Tribune had reported that three hospitals were trying to open and the state was responsible for their delayed openings.

B. Budget Committee: Presented by Marjory Pulvino, Chair

TexasCLASS Report-Marjory Pulvino stated that the investments were being monitored routinely to ensure that the 80% investment limit was being followed. Marjory stated that the performance of the investment pool had been addressed during Orrin Hargrave's Quarterly Investment Report presentation. She said she would like to discuss some issues during closed session.

C. Appraisal District Liaison Committee Report: Presented by Steve Hancock, Chair

1. Steve Hancock stated that there was no further information with regard to the proposed Tax Rate that needed to be discussed prior to adopting the rate. The Board signed a resolution at the last meeting adopting the proposed 2023 tax rate of \$.1206/100 value. Since no one came to the tax hearing, the Board members voted to approve the proposed tax rate of \$.1206 which is lower than last year's rate of \$.1226/100 value.

D. Community Health Resource Center Report: Report by Marjory Pulvino

Marjory Pulvino reported that the CHRC Advisory Committee met on September 14. The EHF grant progress report is due on October 2. Plans to identify areas of the hospital to be used for receiving clients are being finalized with MidCoast administration. Areia is developing an updated flyer to be distributed with the currently available promotional flyer. She is obtaining ongoing training on resources for lower cost medications. She will go forward with plans to provide health educational presentations to the public from TexasAgrilife.

E. Executive Assistant to the Board Report:

Billy Goodin presented the following report for the month.

Month: August 2023

1. **Facility:** No issues other than continued construction in preparation for the life safety inspections and licensing of the facility.
2. **Utilities:** None
3. **Fire and Safety:** Continued construction and testing for the hospital reopening.
4. **MidCoast (Clinic):** None
5. **Misc:** Updated Board Contact Sheet and Committee Assignments.
6. **Petty Cash Report:** Monthly Petty Cash Verification performed on 9/18/2023 Cash \$244.06, Receipts \$5.94, Checks \$0. for a total of \$250.00. Balanced to assigned total of \$250.00. Verified by Cheryl Spearman, TMHD Secretary.
7. **Questions and Comments:** Laura Huffman requested to update the contact sheet with her new P.O. Box.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

X. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution #0008-2023 stating that the Board adopt the proposed tax rate of .1206 was presented to the Board.

Action: Resolution #0008-2023 was passed to each Board Member for signature and to mark either “For” or “Against” to record their vote. The Resolution was unanimously approved with all Board Members indicating “For”.

X. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED –

Randy Karnes called the Meeting into closed session at 6:25 p.m. In Accordance With Section 551.072 of the Open Meetings Handbook, “Deliberations About Real Property” and Section 551.085. Deliberation by Governing Board of Certain Providers of Health Care Services.

XI. REOPEN MEETING FOR SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS –

Randy Karnes reopened the meeting for subsequent actions at 6:48 p.m.

Randy Karnes then discussed a request from MidCoast for additional support funds to cover unforeseen building repairs that were required for the reopening of the facility. The additional funds would be used for costs associated with roof repairs, HVAC replacement and other structural repairs. Mr. Karnes suggested that the Board provide an additional amount up to \$400,000.00 in additional funds to cover these costs.

Action: Laura Huffman made the motion that up to \$400,000.00 of additional funds be approved to MidCoast for expenses involving repairs to the building. Cheryl Spearman

seconded the motion. The Board Members were asked to demonstrate their vote by show of hands and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, Marjory Pulvino moved to adjourn the meeting; Sunnie Frye seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



Billy Goodin, Executive Assistant to the Board

10-16-23

Date