

**TRINITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 19, 2024-Monthly Meeting**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Marjory Pulvino.

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Sunnie Frye

**Others Present:**

**Billy Goodin, Executive Assistant to the Board**  
**Brett Kirkham, CEO, Mid Coast Health System**  
**Roxann Langston, DON Mid Coast Trinity**  
**Orrin Hargrave, On-Point**  
**Connie Bryant, HCA**

\*Denotes Guests that addressed the board

**II. INVOCATION** Steve Hancock provided the invocation.

**PUBLIC FORUM-BUDGET HEARING**

Marjory Pulvino welcomed those in attendance and opened the floor for any discussions or questions. There were no questions or comments presented during Public Forum.

**IV. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly Board Meeting held on July 15, 2024, were reviewed by the Board.

**Action:** Cheryl Spearman made the motion to accept the minutes as written for the July 15, 2024 monthly Board Meeting. Laura Huffman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

**V. PRESENTATION OF MIDCOAST REPORT:** Presented by Brett Kirkham, CEO, Mid Coast Health System

Brett Kirkham reported that during July, there were 11 admissions to our hospital for a total of 32 inpatient days. He attributed the use of telehealth for improving these numbers. He said Trinity had done relatively well compared to some of the other MidCoast hospitals. The ER had 422 visits. The clinic had 245 visits. The survey date is the first day we can back bill for all the hospital visits. MidCoast is projecting that \$300,000 in back-billing revenue may be brought in after Trinity gets the license. He reported an operating loss of \$565,000 since the hospital opened. This is a result of lack of reimbursement by Medicare and Medicaid and other problems with billing. He said that the Humana Advantage Plan is no longer accepted due to lack of reimbursements. He reported that a Rural Hospital Stabilization grant in September for \$250,000 and an additional \$175,000 next year. He is grateful for the support of Trent Ashby in that endeavor. Mr. Kirkham requested \$500,000 in assistance to help cover losses. He expects our financial situation should be better by the second quarter of next year.

**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 report for the month of June was not received from the TCAD. 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>July 31, 2024</u>
Cash on hand	\$ 250.00
Checking	\$ 61,012.24
TexasCLASS cash	\$ 1,015,614.22
Money market account FNB	\$ 157,004.22
Cash Transfers	\$ 125,000.00
Property taxes receivable	\$ 535,104.70
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ (217,354.06)
 <b>Total Current Assets</b>	 <b>\$ 1,676,631.32</b>

For the current month Total Revenues were **\$116,658.05**, Total Operating Expenses were **\$269,222.70**. Operating Revenues in Excess of (Less Than) Expenses were **(152,569.65)**.

Action: Steve Hancock moved that the financial report be accepted by the Board. Randy Karnes seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

## **VII. PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Executive Committee:** Presented by Marjory Pulvino, President:

Marjory had no issues or updates to discuss.

### **B. Budget Committee:** Presented by Marjory Pulvino, Chair

#### 1. Appraisal District Liaison Committee Report-Steve Hancock, Vice President, Chair

At the recommendation of the Appraisal District Liaison Committee, Steve Hancock asked that the Board approve the 2024 Appraisal roll from TCAD. The Board members all agreed to accept the 2024 Appraisal roll from TCAD and signed Resolution 0006-2024.

#### 2. Steve Hancock passed out a handout with data showing how much the District could bring in by increasing the tax rate for the 2024 tax year. After Steve presented a spreadsheet showing different tax rates and the monies each rate would bring in to the District, the Budget Committee recommended a tax rate of \$0.122. An additional \$116,160 would come to the District by that increase. President Marjory Pulvino recommended approval by a resolution of the \$0.1222 tax rate which is below the roll back rate which would have required voter approval.

**Action:** The resolution to approve the recommended tax rate and set the hearing date for our regularly scheduled Board meeting as September 16 was approved by the Board. The Board unanimously indicated “for” and signed Resolution #0006-2024. The information will be posted in the newspaper and the District website.

### **C. Community Health Resource Center Report:** Report by Marjory Pulvino

Cheryl Spearman reported that the CHRC advisory committee had met on August 14 with all members present except for one who had to resign. Marketing strategies and monthly presentations were discussed at the meeting. The committee will seek out a new member. Cheryl passed out the CHRC director Ms. Bacon’s schedule of presentations for the month of August and September. Also, Ms. Bacon’s productivity log was given to the Board members. Cheryl said that the advisory committee is very pleased with the job that Ms. Bacon is doing.

### **D. Executive Assistant to the Board Report:**

Billy Goodin presented the following report for the month.

**Month:** July 2024:

#### 1. **Petty Cash Report:** Monthly Petty Cash Verification performed on

8/19/2024 Cash \$250.00, Receipts \$0.00, Checks \$0. for a total of \$250.00. Balanced to assigned total of \$250.00. Verified by Cheryl Spearman, TMHD Secretary.

**2. Questions and Comments:** None

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Brett Kirkham, MidCoast CEO

Brett Kirkham, reported that our Trinity hospital has posted a loss of \$564,913. MidCoast is asking for help with this loss. President Marjory Pulvino reported the budget projections through January 31, 2025 show a balance of approximately \$1,000,000. Texas class will drop considerably over the next few months; however, she said that the balance will increase again when tax deposits increase starting in November. After a question and answer session, Randy Karnes made a motion that we give Mid Coast \$500,000 for additional indigent care. Deana Shelly seconded the motion. The motion carried with seven members voting for and Steve Hancock voting against.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:** None

**X. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED:** No Closed Session Required

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** – No Closed Session Required.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, Randy Karnes moved to adjourn the meeting; Laura Huffman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Billy Goodin, Executive Assistant to the Board

9-16-24  
Date