HASKELL COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 25, 2025

Haskell County Hospital District Board held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on March 25th at 6:00 PM in the Haskell Hospital Education Building at 1 Avenue N, Haskell, Texas, per the Open Meetings Act.

Attending: President Robbie Peiser, Vice President Amy Martin, Secretary Darlene Hopkins, Member Elna Camacho, Member Lynn Dale Dudensing, CEO Michelle Stevens, COO Mary Belle Olson, CFO Elizabeth Miller, and Controller Crystal Molina.

Absent: Member Reida Penman, CNO Meghan Shelton and ACNO Dana Myers.

General Public: Ryder Cude with First State Bank.

Invited Guests: None.

1. **Call to Order and Invocation.** Robbie Peiser called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and certified a quorum. Lynn Dale opened with the invocation.
2. **Review minutes from the February 25, 2025 meeting.** Accepted as written with minor date corrections in the patient census section.
3. **Public Comment.** None.
4. **Review the patient census.** Michelle summarized the stats for February 2025 compared to January 2025 and February 2024. Inpatient and swing bed stats looked great. ER visits and clinic visits decreased slightly, more than likely because we are nearing the end of the respiratory illness season.
5. **Review and approve the financial report including the employee census and AP check registers.** Elizabeth reviewed the February 2025 financials. We continue to see our metrics remaining steady. Cash continues to be much higher compared to the prior year, which allows us to pay our vendors on time, reducing AP. Unfortunately, we received a desk review recoupment of $1.5M and our 2024 cost report was filed on 2/28/25 with a payable of $1M. Elizabeth and Crystal submitted extended payment schedule requests for these years and submitted additional information requested last week and today. Per the repayment instructions, we are making our monthly payments until the repayment request is finalized. Elna made the motion to approve the financial reports, and Darlene seconded. All voted to approve the financial reports except Lynn Dale voted not to approve.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
7. **Review the draft audit report.** The draft audit report and letters were reviewed. Lynn Dale asked about the note regarding GASB 100. The final audit will be presented by D & Co at the April 28th meeting for the board to approve.
8. **Review and approve the FSB MRI loan.** The board discussed the FSB MRI loan renewal compared to the prior year renewal. The terms are the same except for the administrative fee which increased from $100 to $500. Darlene made the motion to approve the renewal. Elna seconded. All were in favor.
9. **Review and approve policies and procedures.** No policies or procedures to approve.
10. **Review and approve the medical staff credentials.** The credentials for 2 Vesta radiologists were approved. The radiologists are Victor Rodriguez, MD and Jason Ross, MD. Amy made the motion to approve, and Lynn Dale seconded. All were in favor.
11. **Chief Nursing Officer Report.** Meghan and Dana were unable to attend, so Michelle gave the CNO report. She reported that staffing continues to be an issue which increases costs.
12. **Chief Operating Officer Report.** The clinic moved into the new building Thursday and Friday and started seeing patients yesterday, Monday, March 24th. Paintings by Jack Harkins were commissioned by the Haskell County Hospital Foundation in memory of Kathryn Schonerstedt. These paintings are hung in the lobby. Prints will be available for sale. The mock survey is scheduled for next week. The actual surveyor will show up anytime between now and the end of April. They are unavailable to survey between April 1st and April 11th. There will be an open house after the survey. Mary Belle reminded the board that the foundation gala is on May 1st.

13. **Chief Executive Officer Report.** Michelle reported that we will discuss the Stamford settlement recommendation from Charlie Self at the April meeting and have the board take action. Michelle gave an update on the board appointments that will be voted on by the commissioners on April 8th. She also disused the monthly payment made by the hospital to Haskell EMS. We paid $1,850, and then it increased to $2,850 and now to $6K per month per entity (hospital, city, and county), and each entity paid $10K to renovate the EMS living quarters a few years ago. EMS uses Emergicon to bill. The EMS board transfer and support agreement will be on the April 28th agenda. Jenny requested that Melissa and Kenny attend the meeting to answer questions.
14. **Executive Session** – No executive session needed.
    Pursuant to Texas Government Code §§ 551.074, 551.085 and 551.071, the Board of Directors shall meet in Executive Session to deliberate personnel matters, certain proposed new service or product lines of the hospital and to consult with its attorney, either in person or by video or telephone, matters which require confidential discussion under the attorney client privilege.
15. **Adjourn** - President Peiser adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM. The next regular board meeting is April 28, 2025.

Darlene Hopkins — 4-28-25

Board Secretary — Date

Robbie Peiser — 4-28-25

Board President — Date

Michelle Stus — 4-28-25

CEO — Date