

NIXON HOSPITAL DISTRICT
MINUTES FOR
April 14th, 2025 Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M., Monday, April 14th, 2025 by President Jerry Parr. Present Cindy Pieprzica, Johnny Hewell, Deborah M. Bustamente, Jerry Parr, Jimmy Springs, Nancy Pawelek, Terilyn Felty and Lisa H. Webb.

* No Public Comments.

*Motion made by Cindy Pieprzica to nominate and accept Lisa H. Webb as a Nixon Hospital District Director. Seconded by Johnny Hewell. All in Favor 5/0, Motion carried.

Oath of Office read, sworn to and signed by Lisa H. Webb during this evenings meeting. She also signed the S.O.S. Statement of Officer. The current board members welcomed and congratulated Mrs. Webb in as the 7th Board member.

*READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Nixon Hospital District meeting dated February 17th, 2025 reviewed. 1st Motion made to approve the Minutes made by Johnny Hewell Seconded by Nancy Pawelek. All In favor 6/0, None Opposed, Motion Carried.

1st motion made by Jimmy Springs for approval of the awarding of a \$500 Nursing/ Medical Field Scholarship to a 2025 Nixon-Smiley graduate. This year's recipient is Maria Rios Vasquez. Seconded by Cindy Pieprzica. All In favor 6/0, None Opposed, Motion Carried.

1st motion made by Johnny Hewell, seconded by Terilyn Felty approving cancellation of the May 3rd, 2025 election due to not having any candidates interesting in running for a place on the Board of Directors. All In favor 6/0, None Opposed, Motion Carried.

Business:

*A. FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial reports reviewed and discussed. First Motion made to approve financial reports by Jimmy Springs, Second by Johnny Hewell. All in Favor, 6/0, None Opposed, and Motion Carried.

*B. Director Cindy Pieprzica gave a status report on the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) grant paperwork. We are not selected by the Community Development Partnership Program Review Committee.

Also, the GVTC grant committee likes to grant funds to projects that have started and are near completion. Director Pieprzica will reapply once the project has started.

The Directors were made aware of the weekly zoom meeting with Mary Yearwood of the Professional Grant Writers organization being held on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Inquiry was made regarding cost of service. President Parr requested an email be sent to the CEO Megan Hill with a cost inquiry. The Directors requested Mary Yearwood be asked to file for the maximum grant amounts in lieu of the current median requests.

Director Pieprzica informed of possible grant funds thru the Texas Department of Agriculture. She will ask Mary Yearwood to investigate this lead.

Discussion occurred over investing in renovation of current clinic as it appears the new clinic build is taking longer than desired. The clinic would have to be closed for several months and Dr. Flores would have to agree, the community would be without medical care...

Director Hewell disagreed with this suggestion and the Board followed with not renovating.

*C. Reviewed Indigent Care reports submitted by Lena Saenz for the month of February. The Board was made aware by Admin Bustamente that Lena is requesting a raise. Lena's last raise was two years ago. Questions raised over eligibility, HIPPA, application process and the actual forms used and how to evaluate performance. This will be addressed during Lena's in person presentation. Bustamente will send the requested inquiry to Lena. Directors Felty, Pawelek and Webb will further research HIPPA and how IC is addressed in other places. TABLED.

*D. President Parr brought up wanting a Health Fair. The Directors brainstormed over what type of community health events/booths could actually occur. This will be further discussed in the May meeting. TABLED.

*E. Air conditioning repair for the clinic dental area was TABLED. Director Parr will investigate costs for next meeting.

1st Motion made to Adjourn by Jimmy Springs, 2nd by Johnny Hewell. All in Favor 6/0, None Opposed, Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah M. Bustamente".

Deborah M. Bustamente
Nixon Hospital Board Administrator

Jerry Parr
Nixon Hospital Board President