

MINUTES FOR
May 19th, 2025 Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M., Monday, May 19th, 2025 by Nixon Hospital District Administrator Deborah M. Bustamente. Directors present Johnny Hewell, Jerry Parr, Nancy Pawelek, Terilyn Felty and Lisa H. Webb. Former Director Joe Hewell and Indigent Care Administrator Lena Saenz attended today's meeting.

* No Public Comments.

*Former Director Joe Hewell was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his eight years of service as a Director.

*Appointed Officer Certificates were signed and issued to Jerry Parr, John Bird Hewell, Nancy Pawelek and Lisa H. Webb during this evenings meeting. Cindy Pieprzica and Jimmy Springs Appointed Officer Certificates will be issued at their next attended meeting. A current application for Director, S.O.S. Statement of Officer and Oath of Office was also signed.

*Lena Saenz the Indigent Care Administrator gave an overview of her job assignment to the Board of Directors. She now had five (5) active cases. Her fiscal year runs September 1 thru August 31.

Lena said the 3K cap on services is helpful but is nowhere near full payment for services. Administrator Bustamente informed the Board of her \$300 overpayment on a patient recently. Director Parr and Lena said that in the past, invoices may be paid with the Boards knowledge and approval. Medical service are very expensive, She educated Board members of how hospitals are now conduct charity programs separately and much different from Indigent Care Programs. An example given was how Gonzales, Texas runs an Indigent Care Program but it is thru the hospital charity program and it is different from the IC program under the Nixon HD. Lena reports she works four (4) hours per week on Nixon referrals and earns \$650 before taxes per month. She said a lot of her cases are worked over the telephone. She fills out the applications and can usually tell who will qualify depending where they work. She went on to say that often patients fail to return all of the necessary paperwork and it is certainly an issue. Lena is requesting a pay increase. Her last raise was over two (2) years ago.

*READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Nixon Hospital District meeting dated April 14th, 2025 reviewed. 1st Motion made to approve the Minutes made by Johnny Hewell Seconded by Nancy Pawelek. All In favor 4/0, None Opposed, Motion Carried.

*First motion made Johnny Hewell, Seconded Terilyn Felty approving Crystal Cedillo, Tax Assessor Collector, as the individual to calculate and prepare the 2025 No-New Revenue and Voter Approval Tax Rates for the Hospital District. All In favor 4/0, None Opposed, Motion Carried.

*Directors nominated Cindy Pieprzica as the NHD Vice-President. (If Director Pieprzica rejects her nomination John Hewell said he would accept the position.) Per NHD President Jerry Parr the duties of Secretary and Treasurer fall under the Administrators responsibilities. 1st motion made by Johnny Hewell seconded by Nancy Pawelek to accept Director Pieprzica's nomination for Vice President and having the Secretary/Treasurer responsibilities under the Administrators role. All in Favor, 4/0, motion carried.

*1st Motion made by Director Lisa Webb, Seconded by Director Terilyn Felty approving Administrator Deborah Bustamente to attend the TWC conference for employers on 6/13/25 at the Victoria Emerging Technology Center in Victoria, Texas and paying the \$200 registration fee.

Business:

*A. FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial reports reviewed and discussed. FY 2023-24 Audit completed. It will be discussed in detail at the June 2025 meeting as CPA Barry Watson is currently unavailable and clarification on a few items. Directors aware the audits are to be completed by December per our By-Laws. CPA Watson will start the Audit for FY 2024-25 October 2025. First Motion made to approve financial reports made by Johnny Hewell, Second by Lisa Webb. All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed, and Motion Carried.

*B. Administrator Bustamente informed the Board of the James Avery Grant for 25K and the DEW Foundation grant for 25K under review by Directors Parr and Pieprzica. Professional Grant Writer Mary Yearwood is awaiting their review and returning the applications to her for submission. Director Hewell asked if

maximum amounts were now being requested by grant writer Yearwood. He was informed, yes. Director Pieprzica addressed that request with Mrs. Yearwood, the grant writer.

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Grant status to date: filed February 2025 LCRA (denied), filed 4/30/25 Moody Foundation 75K, filed 4/30/25 First National Bank of Omaha 100K, filed April 2025 GVTC Foundation 5K.

*C. Nixon Hospital District Website. Bustamente has completed the update suggestions and placed them on a thumb drive. Director Parr is now in possession of the thumb drive and is to communicate with his website person. All are aware of needed improvement and that monthly meeting postings must be placed on the website.

*D. Reviewed Indigent Care reports submitted by Lena Saenz for the months of March and April 2025. Director Felty informed the Board of her recent inquiries regarding Indigent Care programs. Lena Saenz salary increase has been TABLED.

*D. President Parr informed the Board of his conversation with Dr. Flores Office Manager Monica regarding a Health Fair. Monica said they plan on having the Breast Exam mobile unit in Nixon on 10/10/25. Monica said her office will help with whatever may be needed. Director Parr suggested the Health Fair be held on Saturday, October 11th, 2025 at the Nixon City Hall. Booths for insurance, blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, etc. can be made available to the public. Directors Felty, Webb, Pawelek and Administrator Bustamente volunteered to plan this event,

*E. Air conditioning repair for the clinic dental area was discussed. Director Parr reported he had spoken to Dr. Flores Office Manager Monica and they decided a fan can be placed in the back area instead of a costly a/c repair.

* 1st Motion made to adjourn by Johnny Hewell, 2nd by Nancy Pawelek. All in Favor 4/0, None Opposed, Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Attest:

Deborah M. Bustamente
Nixon Hospital Board Administrator

Jerry Parr
Nixon Hospital Board President

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