

**TRINITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 19, 2019**

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

**Board Members Present:** Randy Karnes, President  
Carlyn Bluis, Vice President  
Marjory Pulvino, Secretary  
Jerry Russ  
Cheryl Spearman  
Keith Johnson  
Laura Vanecek  
Charles Gardner

**Board Members Absent:** Michelle Medlock

**Others Present:** Billy Goodin, Executive Assistant to the Board  
Orrin Hargrave, On Point

Michael Schuetz  
Claudette Loper\*  
Patti Rau  
Jimmy Ledbetter  
Bill Elliott\*  
Melissa Jeter  
Joseph Brown  
Joan Taber\*  
Sue Cole\*  
Orrin Hargrave  
T. J. Henley  
Dan Spearman

Julia McMichael\*  
Bob Check\*  
Judy Goodman  
Bobbie Ledbetter  
Alan Sipanka  
Sandy West  
Gene Huntzinger  
Lawrence Quan MD\*  
Terry Wood  
Peggy Prout\*  
Coy Bailey

Carless Hancock\*  
Stephanie Ruoff\*  
Elizabeth Davis\*  
Mary Ann Tyler\*  
Randall Bonnette  
Melton West  
Marion Huntzinger  
Joel Newman\*  
Jason Chlapek  
Deana Shelly\*  
C. L. Dennis

(\* Denotes Guest that addressed the Board)

II. **INVOCATION** Jerry Russ provided the invocation.

III. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Randy Karnes welcomed the guests and gave visitors the opportunity to address the Board. Mr. Karnes explained that the public comments would be limited to two minutes each. Fourteen guests addressed the board. Comments included opinions that the ER would be too expensive, alternative ways to provide healthcare should be explored, having an ER is important to the recruitment of industry and new residents to the city, if the District does not support indigent care the cost will be shifted to the county, and ER

is critical to saving lives. (The guests that addressed the Board are indicated with an asterisk in the attendance section listed under Section 1-Call To Order.)

**IV. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 15, 2019 meetings were reviewed by the Board.

**Action:** A motion to accept the minutes as written was made Cheryl Spearman, was seconded by Carlyn Bluis, and the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

**V. PRESENTATION OF STATISICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Monthly Financial Report**

The monthly financial report was distributed, and it was presented by Orrin Hargrave. Mr. Hargrave also reported that tax collections were \$736,837.28 at 92% of the adjusted levy so far for the current collection period ending July 31, 2019. Mr. Hargrave also discussed Accounts Payable and the Money Market Account and Pledge Report from the First National Bank of Trinity.

<u>Compilation of Financial Statements – Assets</u>	<u>July 31, 2019</u>
Cash on hand	\$ 250.00
Checking	\$ 42,262.62
Money market account FNB	\$ 207,808.71
CD – Pioneer Bank 3769	\$ 131,865.78
CD – First National Bank	\$ 250,000.00
CD – Pioneer Bank 1011	\$ 110,335.35
CD - First National Bank	\$ 250,000.00
Property taxes receivable	\$ 510,112.80
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ (217,354.06)
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,285,281.20</b>

For the one-month ending, July 31, 2019, Total Revenues were **\$20,347.81**. Total Operating Expenses were **\$165,670.01**. Operating Revenues in Excess of (Less Than) Expenses were **(\$145,322.20)**.

**Action:** Carlyn Bluis moved that the financial report be accepted by the Board. Laura Vanecek seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

**VI. PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Executive Committee:**

- 1. Report on responses to written questions received at the July 15, 2019 Board Meeting:** Randy Karnes reported that responses to the written questions that were submitted to the Board during last month’s meeting have been emailed to those submitting them and posted on the TMHD website.

2. **Status of negotiations on ER with CHI-St. Luke's:** The Executive Committee has a meeting with CHI St. Luke's Lufkin on September 16 to discuss the option of opening a hospital-based ER in Trinity. Carlyn Bluis reported that CHI St. Luke's financial issues for the clinic have been completely settled.
3. **Report on visit with Congressman Kevin Brady:** The Executive Committee, the County Judge, the physicians from the Clinic and Cheryl Spearman met with Congressman Brady on August 14. The visit included the topic of Medicare For All and other healthcare legislation involving rural healthcare.

B. **Budget Committee:** Deferred to resolution to certify tax roll.

C. **Executive Assistant to the Board-** Billy Goodin presented the following report:

1. **Facility:**

1. **Storm damage:** Repair to the privacy fence has been completed.
2. **Helipad Lighting:** The red obstruction light fixtures have been received and will be installed along with protective edging to prevent damage from lawn equipment.
3. **Tree Removal:** An oak tree located on the north end of the hospital parking lot that has been struck by lightning will need to be removed to prevent damage to power lines or lighting. Currently in the process of obtaining bids for the cost of removal.

2. **Utilities:** On July 22, 2019 a call was received from Eric Todd to inform us that a couple of patients had reported the odor of natural gas while entering the clinic building. CenterPoint Energy was called and a technician was dispatched to perform an inspection of the entire facility including the roof. No gas leaks were detected in the clinic or hospital buildings; however, a leak was discovered that a HVAC unit on the roof. The gas was shut off to the unit until repairs are performed.

3. **Fire and Safety:** Gas leak on roof. (see above)

4. **CHI (Clinic):**

1. Gas leak on roof. (see above)
2. Emergency generator power to red plugs were not switching to emergency power automatically. Upon inspection it was discovered that the auto switch had been left on the manual setting after the installation of additional red plug. The switch was set back to the auto mode to resolve the issue.

5. **Misc.       None**

6. **Petty Cash Report:** Performed on 8/19/2019. Cash \$250., receipts \$0.00, for a total of 250.00. Balanced 0 short/over.

**Questions and Comments: None**

VII. **PRESENTATION OF HEALTHPOINT REPORT: No representative present.**

The upcoming open house for the HealthPoint clinic is scheduled for 10/22/2019

from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Laura Vanecek discussed the banner that will be displayed across Hwy 19, and it was noted that the expense would be covered by HealthPoint.

VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Resolution: Certification of 2019 Tax Roll:** The Tax Roll for 2019 that was received from the Trinity County Appraisal District was discussed by Carlyn Bluis  
**Action:** Carlyn Bluis moved that the Board certify the 2019 Tax Roll. Cheryl Spearman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board. The Resolution was signed by all members that were present, and the document was notarized by Billy Goodin.

B. **Resolution: Set Proposed 2019 Tax Rate and schedule 2 public hearings:** Carlyn Bluis discussed the merger between St. Luke’s CHI and Dignity and their request to delay the ER reopening endeavor, the community response and the concerns and the timing of the project. Mrs. Bluis recommended that the tax rate for 2019 remain at the current rate of \$0.1293/\$100.

**Action:** Carlyn Bluis moved that the proposed tax rate for 2019 remain at the current rate of \$0.1293/\$100. Cheryl Spearman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the attending Board Member as listed below. The Resolution was signed by all members that were present and the document was notarized by Billy Goodin.

Results of the Vote were as follows:

Randy Karnes-President	For
Carlyn Bluis-Vice President	For
Marjory Pulvino-Secretary	For
Charlie Gardner-Position 1	For
Laura Vanecek-Position 4	For
Michelle Medlock-Position 5	Absent
Cheryl Spearman-Position 7	For
Keith Johnson-Position 8	For
Jerry Russ-Position 9	For

Public Hearing dates were scheduled for September 9, 2019 and September 12, 2019. The meetings will be held in the Trinity Memorial Hospital Emergency Department waiting area at 5:30 p.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF REQUIRED-** There was no business requiring an Executive Session.

- XI. **REOPEN MEETING FOR SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS**- There was no business requiring an Executive Session.
- XII. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, Laura Vanecek moved to adjourn the meeting; Carlyn Bluis seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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Billy Goodin, Executive Assistant to the Board

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Date