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Acadia St. Landry Hospital
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Acadia St. Landry Hospital Service District met on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 5:15pm in the Acadia St. Landry Hospital Board Room at 810 South Broadway Street, Church Point, Louisiana.

CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Benji Bellard on January 25, 2024 at 5:15pm. Chairman Lee Ward Bellard was not in attendance due to a prior commitment at the High School.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- The Prayer was led by Michael LeJeune who asked for a moment of silence for ASLH employee Brian LaHaye who recently passed away.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by B. Bellard.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEMBERS:

- Board Members Present: Rachel Broussard, Tony Cook, Jeff Richard and Benji Bellard
- Board Members Absent: Lee Ward Bellard

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

- **ASLH EMPLOYEES:** Michael J. LeJeune – CEO/Administrator, Courtney G. Elkins, Dale Mills, Dawn White and Andre Venable.
- **GENERAL PUBLIC:** Doug Wimberly, Jason LeBlanc, Carrie Guidry, MD, Bria Guidry-Bowie, George Pourciau, Paul Guidry, Pat Daigle and Bryan Joubert.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Vice Chairman B. Bellard confirmed with those in attendance that there was no one with public comment. Being none, the public comment section was closed.

APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS AGENDA:

Chairman L. Bellard asked if any items on the consensus agenda needed to be removed for further discussion. With no items to be removed, L. Bellard asked for a motion to approve the consensus agenda with contained the following items:

- a. Approval of December 2023 Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of January 2024 Medical Staff Minutes
- c. Approval of January 2024 Medical Staff Credentials

- Motion by Broussard, second by Cook to approve all items on the consensus agenda. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Jason LeBlanc, CPA with Lester, Miller & Wells, CPAs presented the financial reports and business office reports for the months of October and November 2023.
- Motion by Broussard, second by Richard to approve the of October and November 2023 financial reports. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

2022-2023 ASLH FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

- Bryan Joubert, CPA with Kolder, Slaven & Company LLC, delivered the 2022/2022 ASLH Audit Report.
- Motion by Richard, second Broussard to approve the 2021/2022 ASLH Audit Report. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

Updated ASLH Bylaws for 2024

- LeJeune stated that over the past year he has been working on updating the ASLH Board of Commissioners Bylaws. He stated that all original information was still included but that he worked on adding updated descriptions and laws as well as reformatting the document.
- Motion by Broussard, second Cook to approve the updated ASLH Bylaws for 2024. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

New Hospital Update

- LeJeune stated that he met with Steven Nosacka, Barry Lann and Mike Taylor to discuss moving forward with the new hospital. He went into detail about what studies were already completed and which ones needed to be updated. From there LeJeune discussed with the board the timeframe in which we can move forward; including the USDA loan process.

CEO REPORT:

- LeJeune stated that the census in the rural health clinic has seen an increase. He stated that there were a few social media posts by the public asking if there was a doctor in town rather than just nurse practitioners. He reminded everyone that the ASLH Fleur De Lis rural health clinic is staff by a physician, Dr. Lily Ramos, and she is there every day from 7:00am to 3:30pm and is accepting new patients. He also advised that we do have a nurse practitioner in the way of Desmond Lewis that also see patients, so the wait time is minimal.
- LeJeune stated that he and DON Garrett Higginbotham discussed the use of agency nurses and the expense the hospital incurs. He stated that due to the diligent work of Higginbotham ASLH went from over 400 hours of agency nursing in a month to less than 40. LeJeune stated that Higginbotham has done a fantastic job in the way of recruiting and has his department now fully staffed with a prn pool of nurses.

- LeJeune stated that he has been working very hard to get another family medicine physician on staff with the hospital. He said he is very close to getting the contract signed for the physician to join our staff. He also mentioned that he has hired an individual to fill the open financial controller and would announce it once they started their position.
- Due to the push to finish the financial audit, LeJeune thanked Bryan Joubert, Jason LeBlanc as well as their teams for doing everything they could to get the audit report submitted on time.

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion by Broussard, second by Cook to enter into executive session. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously. Guest in the session were hospital attorney, Doug Wimberly and hospital CPA, Jason LeBlanc.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion by Broussard, second by Cook to exit executive session. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

ACTION 1: FAMILY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN CONTRACT

- Motion by Broussard to enter into contract with Dr. Carrie Guidry contingent on the negotiations between Acadia St. Landry Hospital and Dr. Guidry, second by Cook. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

ACTION 2: GHC ARCHITECT OWNER-ARCHITECT AGREEMENT

- Motion by Broussard to allow the CEO to sign the updated Owner-Architect Agreement, second by Cook. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

ACTION 3: ASLH FINANCING ACTION STEPS

- Motion by Broussard, to allow the CEO to move forward with the financing action steps, second by Cook. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN:

- Vice Chairman B. Bellard asked if there was any further discussion. Being none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.
- Motion by Cook, second by B. Broussard to adjourn the meeting. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously to adjourn.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:29p.m.

/S/ Lee Ward Bellard

Lee Ward Bellard
Board of Commissioners Chairman
Acadia St. Landry Parish Hospital

/S/ Michael J. LeJeune

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