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Acadia St. Landry Hospital
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Acadia St. Landry Hospital Service District met on Thursday, July 31, 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 Chairman Lee Ward Bellard on July 31, 2024 at 5:15pm.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- The Prayer was led by Doug Wimberly and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by L. Bellard.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEMBERS:

- Board Members Present: Lee Ward Bellard, Rachel Broussard, Tony Cook, Benji Bellard, Jeff Richard and Carrie Guidry MD
- Board Members Absent: None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

- **ASLH EMPLOYEES:** Michael J. LeJeune – CEO/Administrator, Tiffany Young, Courtney Elkins, Josh Faul, Garrett Higginbotham. Dawn White, Travis Deshotel, Melanie Roge, and Vicky Dohmann
- **GENERAL PUBLIC:** Doug Wimberly, Jason LeBlanc, George Pourciau, Dale Thibodeaux, Rachel Manuel, Shane Castille, Pate Daigle, Willie Bergeron and Elizabeth Bergeron.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Chairman L. 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 which contained the following items:
 - a. Approval of June 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approval of July 2024 Medical Staff Minutes
 - c. Approval of July 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 month of June 2024.
- Motion by Broussard, second by Cook to approve the June 2024 financial reports. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF ACADIA PARISH MILLAGE RATE

- LeJeune presented the documentation and read aloud the required documents for the adoption of the Acadia Parish and St. Landry Parish Millage rate. LeJeune stated St. Landry Parish had made an error and the millage had to be read aloud once more.
- Motion by Broussard, second by Cook to approve the adoption of the Acadia Parish millage rate. An individual voice vote was called. A vote of “Yes” was heard from Broussard, Cook, L. Bellard, Richard, Guidry and B. Bellard. There were no votes of “No”.

KOLDER, SLAVEN & COMPANY

- LeJeune stated that the fiscal year audit was due to start. He stated that before beginning the engagement letter had to be signed. LeJeune stated that prior to his starting at ASLH other firms were vetted to take over the audit. He suggested that due to pricing the board remain with the current firm.
- Motion by Broussard, second by Richard to allow the CEO to sign the engagement letter with Kolder, Slaven & Company.

THE THERAPY CENTER

- LeJeune stated that our current physical therapy contract is set to expire on August 15th and after months of unsuccessfully trying to find an independent therapist, they have made the decision to move forward with physical therapy services from The Therapy Center. Representing The Therapy Center were Rachel Manuel and Shane Castille.
- LeJeune informed the board that they could ask the representatives any questions about therapy with the exception of any contractual/financials obligations which would take place in executive session. Manuel gave an explanation of their organization and what services they are able to provide. Members of the board did ask questions and were satisfied with the answers provided.

POLICE PROTOCOL AT ASLH - CHIEF DALE THIBODEAUX

- LeJeune introduced Chief Dale Thibodeaux who came to the podium and gave a presentation on the policies and procedures of the police department and what they are and are not allowed to do in regards to a PEC or OPC patient in the ER.

CEO REPORT:

- In the way of CEO report, LeJeune stated the following:
- What have posted for a few positions here at the hospital including housekeeper and maintenance.
- Recently hired a BOM/RC Manager. Travis Deshotel comes to us from Lourdes and has been in healthcare for several years. He has been her just over 2 weeks and is already making positive strides in the Business Office.
- We continue to work in Drs Guidry and Clements office. We will have a grand opening next Friday the 9th and will be open for business on the 15th. Phones for the clinic are open and we already have several appointments schedule. Thank you to Kim Guidry in Payables for manning the phones.
- We interviewed a multitude of people for the clinic and I am proud to say we are fully staffed at The Point!
- Gwen Leger will be starting at Fleur-de-Lis RHC in early August and she also already has multiple patients on the schedule for when she starts.
- We have submitted everything required to John Downes of Stroudwater and Steven Nosacka of Trinity and the final review of the 10-year projected growth analysis has been completed. We are now moving to the financial analysis phase. (which is one of the last phases before we go to the APPJ and St. Landry Commission) Tiffany and I have our first Financial Modeling meeting next Tuesday the 6th with Wade Gallon from Stroudwater.
- On the 17th myself, Garrett, Melanie and our Mayor Spanky Meche, made the 3.5-hour trip to Tallulah hospital to visit the newly built Madison Parish Hospital. We met with their executive staff and had an extensive tour of the new facility.
- Ending his report, LeJeune yielded the rest of my time to Mayor Ryan Spanky Meche for his thoughts on the Madison Parish Hospital visit as well as thoughts on ASLH moving forward with a new hospital.
- Mayor Meche addressed community concerns and highlighted the benefits of the new hospital. He recounted his recent visit to Tallulah, Louisiana, where he toured Madison Parish Hospital with leadership from Acadia St. Landry Hospital. Madison Parish Hospital is a critical access hospital, serving a community similar in demographics and household income to Church Point. Mayor Meche noted, "Tallulah's new hospital is an impressive facility, equipped with the latest technology and comprehensive departments. This visit showed the value of having a modern healthcare facility in a rural community." He explained the financial viability of critical access hospitals, stating, "These hospitals operate on a cost-plus reimbursement system, which ensures they remain financially viable. The government recognizes the importance of these hospitals in providing essential healthcare services to underserved areas." Mayor Meche emphasized the need for the new hospital in Church Point, saying, "If our hospital were to fail, our residents would be forced to seek care in Lafayette, where emergency rooms already face 6-12 hour waits. Our new hospital will continue to reduce this burden and provide timely care to our community." Expressing his confidence in the project, Mayor Meche concluded, "I am not 50/50 on this project; I am 100% in, we are getting a new hospital. Let's come together and make this happen."

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion by Broussard, second by Cook to enter into executive session. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously. Guests in the session were hospital attorney, Doug Wimberly, hospital CPA, Jason LeBlanc, ASLH Controller Tiffany Young and ASLH DON Garrett Higginbotham.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION 1 - PHYSICAL THERAPY CONTRACT

- Motion by Broussard, second by Cook to allow the CEO to enter into contract with The Therapy Center to provide Physical Therapy services at Acadia St. Landry Hospital. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

ACTION 2 - ASLH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONTRACT

- Motion by Broussard, second by Cook to allow the CEO to enter into contract Genesis Behavioral Health to provide Inpatient and Outpatient psychiatric services at Acadia St. Landry Hospital. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN:

- Chairman L. Bellard asked if there was any further discussion. Being none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.
- Motion by Broussard, second by Cook to adjourn the meeting. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously to adjourn.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:05p.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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