

WEST WHARTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
March 2, 2026

A Meeting of West Wharton County Hospital District was held at 12 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room of El Campo Memorial Hospital in El Campo, Texas and the following Board Members were present: Steve Cooper, President, Richard Kerzee, Vice President, Anthony Cisneros, Secretary, Travis Cobb, Treasurer, Patricia Korenek, Sean Bowers, Sherrie Hardin, Rick Graff, Susanna Ozuna and Karen Middlebrook.

The Board Member absent was Cuatro Strack.

Others attending were Johnny Thompson, WWCHD Administrator, Heidi Dine, WWCHD Financial Manager, Brett Kirkham, MCHS Chief Executive Officer, Irma Rocha, MCHS Senior Administrative Assistant, Carrie Cornett, MCHS Chief Financial Officer, Jeff Fuechec, FFB, and Pamela Hunt, El Campo Medical Foundation.

Attending by Zoom: Michael Hunt, FFB.

- I. Upon determining that a quorum was present, Mr. Cooper, President, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. It was noted that the agenda was properly posted on the WWCHD web page, at the County Clerk's office, the hospital web page, the front entrance of the hospital and Mid Coast Medical Clinic at 10:00 a.m. on February 25, 2026.
- II. The US and Texas pledges were said.
- III. The invocation was given by Rick Graff.
- IV. Announcements/Public Comments (Presenters will be limited to 3 minutes and the Board is not required to respond to any items presented): None
- V. Review and Approval of the February 2, 2026 Board Minutes, February 2, 2026 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes, and February 10, 2026 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes: Travis Cobb made a motion with a second by Anthony Cisneros to approve the minutes from all meetings. The motion carried.
- VI. Administrator's General Report/Financial Presentation for January 2026 was given by Johnny Thompson. Mr. Thompson presented the cash report and stated that WWCHD was still on track to meet the bank's cash covenant. Mr. Thompson also presented the January 2026 Financial Statements. Mr. Thompson stated that he would be sending out the preliminary budget for WWCHD for the board members to review. Mr. Thompson gave a legal report. He stated that for the Remarkable Bankruptcy case the court asked for motion to close. There will be a small invoice coming for that. The Marine Creek HUD finance was tabled until the next meeting due to it not being on the agenda. Mr. Thompson stated that WWCHD was in the middle of the enrollment period for QIPP Year 10. Mr. Thompson said that an RFQ for ECMH renovations/repairs/maintenance went out in Saturday, February 28, 2026, newspaper and would run 4 times. March 25, 2026 is the deadline for submissions. Mr. Thompson also said that Curry Boudreaux had a walk-thru the hospital scheduled on Thursday. Rick Graff made a motion to accept the January 2026 Cash and Financial Statements as presented, with a second by Sean Bowers. The motion carried.

VII. Old Business

- a. THI Update – Mr. Thompson said this case was sent to the Court of Appeals – 13th Judicial District. The brief was received on February 2, 2026. He also stated that the legal fees for this case have reached \$1.1M.
- b. The discussion on the new ECMH Lease was tabled.
- c. The only change for the WWCHD By-Laws was to change the meeting day to the 1st Monday of every month at 12:00 noon. Rick Graff made a motion to accept the change, with a second by Travis Cobb. The motion passed.

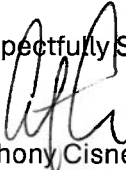
VIII. New Business

- a. Mr. Cooper discussed the refund of soft costs to be repaid back to El Campo Medical Foundation in the amount of \$960,663.08. Travis Cobb made a motion to repay ECMF, with a second by Anthony Cisneros. The motion carried.
- b. Mr. Cooper presented the May 2026 Cancellation of Election. A motion was made by Richard Kerzee to cancel the election, with a second by Sean Bowers. The motion carried.
- c. There was no update given on the El Campo Medical Foundation by Pamela Hunt.
- d. Update on El Campo Memorial Hospital – Brett Kirkham gave an update on ECMH. Mr. Kirkham stated that the budget for ECMH had been approved. He stated that the ER visits had been normal. ECMH has contracted with Collectley to allow patients to pay on payment plans. Carrie Cornett stated that Higginbotham is helping with the health insurance plan.

- IX. The WWCHD Board entered an executive session at 1:29 pm.
The WWCHD Board came out of the executive session at 1:52 pm.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rick Graff, seconded by Richard Kerzee and the meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Anthony Cisneros, Secretary