

WEST WHARTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
August 3, 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, Anthony Cisneros, Secretary, Cuatro Strack, Patricia Korenek, Rick Graff, Susanna Ozuna and Karen Middlebrook.

The Board Members absent were Richard Kerzee, Travis Cobb, Sean Bowers and Sherrie Hardin.

Others attending were Johnny Thompson, WWCHD Administrator, Heidi Dine, WWCHD Financial Manager, Brett Kirkham, MCHS CEO, Irma Rocha, MCHS Senior Administrative Assistant and Pamela Hunt, El Campo Medical Foundation.

Attending by Zoom: None.

- I. Upon determining that a quorum was present, Mr. Cooper, President, called the meeting to order at 12:07 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 July 29th, 2026.
- II. The US and Texas pledges were said.
- III. The invocation was given by Cuatro Strack.
- 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 July 6, 2026 meeting minutes: Cuatro Strack made a motion with a second by Anthony Cisneros to approve the minutes. The motion carried.
- VI. Administrator's General Report/Financial Presentation was given by Johnny Thompson.
 - a. Mr. Thompson presented the July 2026 cash report and the June 2026 Financial Statements. He stated that by December 2026 the cash projection should be \$34M with \$15M as the banking debt covenant. Anthony Cisneros made a motion to accept the cash report and financial statements, subject to audit. Cuatro Strack seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Thompson also gave an update on the FY2026 audit. He stated that there would be reporting calls this week for Steve Cooper, Heidi Dine and himself. The audit is expected to be completed by September 30, 2026.
 - b. Mr. Thompson presented the TCDRS plan for WWCHD employees. He stated that all employees had been given the information and all 9 employees were on board. Cuatro Strack made a motion to approve the TCDRS plan with a second by Rick Graff. The motion carried.
 - c. Mr. Thompson asked the WWCHD Board to review the change of ownership from Avir to Josef Neumann for Madisonville, Rose Trail and Petal Hill. After discussion, Cuatro Strack made a motion not to approve the sale with a second by Patricia Korenek. The motion carried.
 - d. Mr. Thompson discussed the sponsorship by ECMH to be funded by WWCHD for community events and advertising. He stated that WWCHD would not be shown as a sponsor. ECMH will get the recognition as the sponsor. This discussion was tabled until the following meeting.

VII. Old Business

a. Steve Cooper discussed the ECMH repairs, maintenance and renovations. He stated that John Garner, who is with Fitsch (Curry Boudreaux) had given WWCHD some bids on generators. He discussed the types and sizes that were needed. He said that the lead time could be between 25 – 40 weeks, depending on who it would be purchased from. Mr. Cooper stated that this time frame would give time to take out the old boilers, build a new control center, pour a new slab and put in a 5000-gallon tank for diesel.

VIII. New Business

- a. Mr. Thompson said that an RFQ for a Construction Manager had been run in the El Campo Leader Newspaper for 4 weeks. He stated that he had already got 13 inquiries.
- b. Mr. Cooper asked the board to give Mr. Thompson and him the authority to purchase the generator. It was asked that Cuatro Strack research, confirm and verify that the purchase was what is needed. Anthony Cisneros made a motion to authorize Mr. Cooper and Mr. Thompson to purchase a generator after it had been verified by Mr. Strack. Patricia Korenek seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- c. Mr. Thompson gave the WWCHD board a presentation on Prosperity Bank Trust. There was a discussion about putting some WWCHD's funds into Prosperity Bank Trust. The interest rates and amounts were discussed. It was decided to move up to \$20M to the trust. Rick Graff made a motion to move up to \$20M to the trust with a second by Cuatro Strack. The motion carried.
- d. Pamela Hunt gave a brief update on the ECMH Health Fair. She also let the board know that there would be a celebration after the meeting for Irma Rocha. She has been with ECMH for 60 years.
- e. Brett Kirkham also gave an accolade to Irma Rocha for her 60 years of service. He discussed the grants that ECMH could possibly receive. He stated that ECMH has another cardiologist coming on board. He also stated that there is an Ortho group coming to talk to ECMH. He said that ECMH is looking to transition to Oracle for the EMF system. He said that ECMH is officially out of Bay City and that the Healthplex is still on hold. He also stated that ER in-patient elective type surgeries are declining.

IX. There was no executive session held.

X. There was no additional new business to discuss.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rick Graff, seconded by Patricia Korenek and the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anthony Cisneros, Secretary