Cochran County Hospital District
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2026

Cochran Memorial Hospital
201 E Grant Ave
Morton, Texas 79346

ATTENDANCE

<u>Board of Directors</u>
Betty Lyon
John Schmidt
William (Bill) Albus

<u>Absent</u>
Ray O'Brien
Matt Patterson

<u>Hospital Administration</u>
Kody Kitchens CEO

<u>Guests</u>
Grant Turner CNO/COO
Maggie Ramon

<u>Minutes Taker</u>
Mary McKnight

1. **Opening**
    a. Quorum present
        i. Meeting called to order 5:03 p.m.
    b. Invocation led by Bill Albus
    c. Public Comments
        i. None
    d. Review and Consider Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
        i. Motion made and seconded to approve the March 18, 2026, regular session meeting minutes as read. Two (2) votes in favor of approving minutes; zero (0) votes against. Motion carried.
2. **Matters for Discussion and/or Action**
    a. Meals on Wheels
        i. 694 meals prepared
        ii. Reimbursed $4,470
            i. Amount includes $1,000 for non-consumables
    b. Senior Citizen Financial Report
        i. SPAG has cut their support.
        ii. Negative charges shown on their financial report, unknown what is happening.
        iii. Spending about $12,000 a month on food
    c. Donation of funds from Frontier Ambulance Corporation for loading system
        i. Frontier Ambulance Corporation has donated $35,000 for a gurney loading system for the second unit. Total cost for the system is $37,594.76 + $1,500 installation fee. Was told the installation fee would be waived. With this donation, cost for the system, not counting installation fee, will be $2,594.76.
            i. Motion was made to approve the purchase of the loading system for EMS. Motion seconded. Two (2) votes in favor; zero (0) against. Motion carried.
        ii. Discussion held regarding potential purchase of a Lucas device; approximate price is $20,000. No action taken.

3. **Reports**
    a. Clinical
        i. ER
            i. Total March ER visits down by 12
        ii. EMS
            i. Total calls in March: 15
        iii. RHC
            i. Visits increased by 22 during March
    b. Financials
        i. CDs
            i. One CD matured March 29th, was on a six (6) month term,
                a. Value: $1,628,563.29
                b. Was set to auto-renew at 3.25% for six (6) months
                c. Kody was able to get it changed to an eight (8) month term at 3.5%
            ii. Next CD matures on May 30th.
        ii. General Information
            i. Three pay periods in March totaling $350,000
            ii. $272,000 was overpayment
            iii. $21,000 quarterly tax
            iv. $55,000Cost report recoupment
            v. $14301.72 Ortho Clinical Diagnostics
                a. Never charged us, found it during an audit.
            vi. Total cash: $14,921,651
        iii. Check Registry
            i. Line 52: Purchase of ventilator for EMS
            ii. Line 21: COLA – Lab annual volume testing
            iii. Line 83 & 85: the invoices from Ortho Clinical Diagnostics.
    c. Administrator's Report
            i. Pharmacy Air Conditioner
                a. Air Conditioner has been installed, $2,514.
                b. K-Bar had to come out and do some electrical work, that is not included in that price.
        ii. Hospital License
            i. Received new license.
            ii. Boiler Room Breaker Box
                a. Has been replaced.
                b. Was able to reroute some lines, kitchen outlets are now hooked up to the generator, will not have to move freezers and fridges.

iii. Conferences
    i. Kody attended the TruBridge conference.
    ii. Mostly about AI technology and how it can benefit the health industry.
    iii. Revenue Cycle was discussed.
    iv. Have learned after the conference that a company from India is looking at purchasing TruBridge, it is mostly a Revenue Cycle Management Company.
        a. Under contract with TruBridge until August 2027.
        b. Have looked at other EHR systems in the past, not really happy with any we've looked at. We will begin looking again as a back-up plan.

iv. Health and Human Services Commission
    i. New supervisor in the State Office of Rural Health, not sure how that will affect us.
    ii. Several grants will become available soon and will look into those.

v. Election
    i. Precinct 1 seat (John), Precinct 3 (Ray) seat, and the At Large (Bill) seats on the Board of Directors are all up for re-election this year. Will need to complete paperwork if interested in re-election.
    ii. Have to turn in the paperwork by the end of May.

4. Personnel
   a. No new business

5. Open Forum
   a. No new business

6. Adjournment
   a. Motion made to adjourn. Motion seconded. Two (2) votes in favor; zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.
      i. Meeting adjourned 6:00 p.m.

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Cochran Memorial Hospital CEO — Date

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Cochran Memorial Hospital President, Board of Directors — Date