

Cochran Memorial Hospital District
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2026

Cochran Memorial Hospital
201 E Grant Ave
Morton, Texas 79346

ATTENDANCE

Board of Directors

Betty Lyon
John Schmidt
William (Bill) Albus
Matt Patterson
Dana Heflin

Hospital Administration

Kody Kitchens CEO
Grant Turner CNO/COO

Guests

Whitney Soliz
Natalie Patterson

Minutes Taker

Mary McKnight

1. Opening

- a. Quorum present
 - i. Meeting called to order 5:00 p.m.
- b. Invocation led by John Schmidt
- c. Public Comments
 - i. John Schmidt stated Frontier Ambulance Corporation has changed its regular meeting nights to Mondays. Next meeting will be Monday, August 3, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Cochran Memorial Hospital Board Room.
- d. Review and Consider Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - i. Motion made and seconded to approve the June 17, 2026, regular session meeting minutes with following corrections: word “las” in sentence “*New truck las installed loading system, narcotic box, and refrigerator*”, to be changed to has. Four (4) votes in favor; zero (0) votes against. Motion carried. Minutes approved with above correction.

2. Matters for Discussion and/or Action

- a. Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Presentation
 - i. Presentation of the 2025 Fiscal Year Audit by Natalie Patterson
- b. Meals on Wheels
 - i. 730 meals prepared in June
 - ii. Reimbursed \$4,650
 - i. Amount includes \$1,000 for non-consumables.

- c. Senior Citizen Financial Report
 - i. Senior Citizens financial information reviewed.
 - ii. Kitchen at Senior Center is currently being remodeled, meals are being served at WSW Gin.
- d. Proposed 2027 Fiscal Year Budget
 - i. Kody presented the proposed budget for the 2027 Fiscal Year.
 - ii. Budget was reviewed and discussions held.
 - iii. Motion was made to adopt the proposed 2027 Fiscal Year Budget as presented. Motion seconded. Four (4) votes in favor, zero (0) against. Motion passed.

3. Reports

- a. Clinical
 - i. ER
 - i. 36 ER visits in June
 - ii. RHC
 - i. 236 patients seen in Clinic in June
 - iii. Inpatients
 - i. One (1) inpatient
 - iv. EMS
 - i. 20 calls and 6 no transfers.
 - ii. Scotty Reed, EMS Assistant Director, is obtaining bids for four (4) radios and two (2) boosters for the units. These items will be purchased with funds awarded through the Rural Hospital Stabilization Grant.
 - iii. The new unit is currently being wrapped, it will match the wraps on our current units.
 - iv. Kody presented received payments from Emergicon.
- b. Financials
 - i. CDs
 - i. CD ending 1260 matured on July 1, 2026.
 - ii. Value \$1,229,184.56
 - iii. Cashed in. \$229,184.56 deposited into operating account.
 - iv. One (1) million dollars was used to open another 8-month term CD at 3.5%
 - v. Another CD will be maturing in five (5) days. Will be taking a couple of hundred thousand dollars out of that CD for expenses, including the purchase of a vehicle to be used for the Community Outreach Program/First Responder vehicle. This will be covered by funds from the Rural Hospital Stabilization Grant.

- ii. General Information
 - i. We should know by the end of July what our Uncompensated Care IGA payment will be and we should get our return payment in thirty to forty-five days after that, should be before the end of September.
 - ii. Third Quarter payment to the Appraisal District has been made.
- iii. Check Registry
 - i. Providers and EMS Payroll
 - a. Only includes Ashley Davidson, Nathaniel Covarrubias, and Jessica Williams.
 - b. Dr. Hughes and Dr. Helak were paid after the first.
 - ii. Inquiry made about Alera Group.
 - a. Payment for hospital building liability insurance that was originally due April 1, 2026, was not paid. It has been paid and we didn't lose our insurance.
 - iii. Ike's Industrial Supply
 - a. LED light bulbs
 - iv. Inquiry about three checks to Anthony Mechanical
 - a. Two were for the same amount on same day.
 - i. Whitney will investigate these two checks tomorrow.
 - b. The \$1690 is one of our contracts with them
 - v. Ortho Sales Company
 - a. Whitney will have to look up the purchase.
 - vi. Lincoln Financial
 - a. Add-on insurances paid for by employees.
- c. Administrator's Report
 - i. Kody shared a photo of the condition our booster water heater for the dishwasher arrived in. Box was torn open and contents scattered. Daniel contacted the company, they are shipping a new one, we are not accepting that one.
 - ii. Sponsored the Boots and Badges Ball in the name of Cochran County EMS again this year for \$2,500.
 - iii. Made a sub-agreement for HB 3000 for the ambulance. Kody included that the hospital would own the ambulance and all equipment on it. It was approved by the commissioners and county lawyer. Turns out we can't own, it must be owned by the county and we must lease it. A new contract was drawn up and included a clause that any maintenance/repairs over \$5,000 the county will pay 50% of it. Was sent back to the commissioners for approval, currently waiting to hear back from them.

iv. Tax Letters

i. Received two letters from the IRS.

- a. One was for unpaid balance for tax period ending March 31, 2026. Failure to make proper federal tax deposit penalty. Whitney has made that payment.
- b. The second one was to submit new record of tax liability. This was done on September 30, 2025, but was done incorrectly. That was the fiscal year end last year. Whitney and Diane are working on resubmitting it. We have to do this every quarter. What happened was the money for the third quarter was paid with the fourth quarter, making it look like we overpaid the fourth quarter.

4. Personnel

- a. The Board convened in executive session at 6:50 p.m.
- b. The Board reconvened in open session at 7:07 p.m.

5. Open Forum

- a. Employee Appreciation barbecue held July 11th. We had a good turnout, approximately 40 to 50 people showed up.

6. Adjournment

- a. Motion made to adjourn. Motion seconded. Four (4) votes in favor; zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.
 - i. Meeting adjourned 7:18 p.m.

Cochran Memorial Hospital CEO

Date

Cochran Memorial Hospital President, Board of Directors

Date