

West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board Meeting

The West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board held its rescheduled meeting on December 3, 2020 for the November 26, 2020 meeting.

This was a teleconference meeting and this meeting was recorded. Four members were asked and responded that they could not be present due to Covid-19 State Mandates (See*).

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Dr. Michel Hirsch, *Dr. Glenn Schexnayder, *Mr. Glenn Robert, *Mr. Michael Medine, Mr. A.J. Gomez and Mr. Vince Cataldo

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Loretta Larvadain, Ms. Nobie Landry, Mr. Larry Buquoi

1. CALL TO Order

Dr. Michel Hirsch called the meeting to order at 12:00noon. There was no objection to the minutes of the October 29, 2020 meeting as distributed.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Nobie Landry presented the financial report and the sales tax report for review and discussion. The reports were approved as presented.

3. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Vince Cataldo gave findings of the monthly committee reports and no actions were needed.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Loretta Larvadain reported four full time nurses are no longer working since the last Board meeting. Ms. Larvadain is working with a nursing agency to fill the schedule and the hospital is advertising for registered nurses.

Dr. Nagaratha Reddy and CareSouth requested an interface with our electronic medical record system. These interfaces are underway.

The storage building has been completed and Mr. Henry Chauvin has completed the final inspection. There has been a problem obtaining a roof warranty.

The affidavit to expropriate the remaining one third of the adjacent property has been signed. A motion for summary judgement has been filed and the hearing is scheduled for January 11, 2021.

Special Board meetings were held to discuss the purchase and cost estimates for renovations and improvements of the MOB. Mr. Vince Cataldo was authorized to sign all closing documents and the lease agreement on 214 Clinic Drive property (MOB). The closing documents for the MOB and the lease agreement were executed on November 18, 2020.

Ms. Danielle Bernard came on board to assist with marketing. She began with the ABUS ultrasound and mammography since it was breast cancer awareness month in October. During the month she made multiple social media posts to promote both ultrasound and mammograms using great information and statistics.

Board members were given a letter from Stroudwater who has launched StroudwaterGCL (Greater Commercial Lending) Rural Healthcare Capital.

Mr. Vince Cataldo gave an update on in-house COVID-19 testing.

Our HR consultant Ms. Stacey Nichols is still in the process of reviewing the new handbook and rules pamphlet. Some additional work will have to be done in scheduling, overtime and full time.

The negative pressure machine was delivered and installed on November 17, 2020. Mr. James Breaux is still awaiting the arrival of the second ventilator from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP).

Mr. Vince Cataldo is still trying to get rid of the mobile home located in the rear of the hospital.

Mr. Vince Cataldo and Ms. Nobie Landry investigated the LA. Medicaid Physician IPA program and said it would be a good fit for Prevost. The Board approved joining the LA. Medicaid Physician IPA program.

The Placement Agency (McCall & Lee) referred one applicant to do a phone interview for the lab tech job. When she heard how frequent call is, she stated this would not work for her.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Two ER/Hospitalists, one Cardiologist and one Virtual Radiologist were approved for their two-year reappointment. Two ER/Hospitalists and two Virtual Radiologists were approved for provisional privileges. One Tele-Stroke and two Virtual Radiologists were approved for full privileges.

The Board was presented with a packet from Envision (Emcare) concerning their loses with the ER physician staffing contract. Following a discussion the Board asked Mr. Cataldo to discuss this matter further with Envision.

Each Board member was given a self-assessment packet to complete for the year 2020.

The Board members granted a motion to give the annual one time pay increase for all employees that met the established criteria.

The Board members granted a motion to accept the proposal from Ms. Danielle Bernard to do public relations for Prevost Hospital.

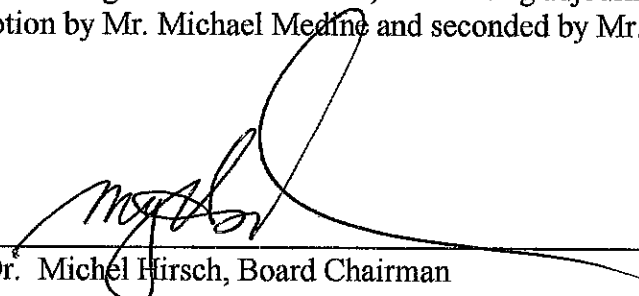
Normally our Annual Christmas Luncheon is done in conjunction with a joint meeting of the Board & MEC. The meeting will be rescheduled to December 23, 2020 and minutes will be distributed.

On December 23, 2020 Prevost Hospital will be serving the traditional Christmas meal to go. This meal will include Board members & spouses, MEC members & spouses, Ladies Auxiliary members and hospital staff.

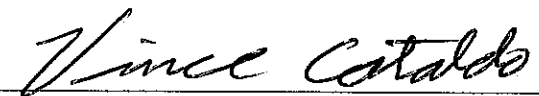
The chairman did not call for an executive session because four members were attending this meeting virtually.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Michael Medina and seconded by Mr. Glenn Robert.



Dr. Michel Hirsch, Board Chairman



Mr. Vince Cataldo, Administrator/Secretary