

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICE
DISTRICT #2 OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
JANUARY 15, 2025

A regular monthly business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District #2 of the Parish of St. Mary was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the Media Room of the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District Building located at 7327 Highway 182, Morgan City, LA 70380.

PRESENT: Dr. William A. Cefalu, Jr., Donald Stephens, Jackie Cheramie, William McCarty and Thane Aucoin

ABSENT: Angelena Brocato

Also present: William E. Bourgeois, Counsel for Hospital Service District #2

Dr. Cefalu called the meeting to order.

Dr. Cefalu lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken. Those Board Members present and those absent listed above.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, second by Mr. McCarty and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Minutes of December 4, 2024.

Dr. Cefalu opened the floor for Guest/public comments, to which there were none. Raymond Pisani with Respiratory Therapy at Ochsner St. Mary (OSM) and Dr. Larry Nelson were present.

Attorney Bourgeois advised the Board that the transfer of the accounts to Robison Wealth Management were incomplete at this time and a brief discussion was held. Mrs. Cheramie presented the Financial Report for the period ending November 30, 2024. Upon motion of Mrs. Cheramie, second by Mr. Aucoin and unanimously carried, the Board approved the financials/payables as presented.

Attorney Bourgeois discussed the Letter of Resignation received from Kendra Thomas and a brief discussion was held. On motion of Mr. Stephens, second by Mrs. Cheramie and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Thomas. Dr. Cefalu stated that a letter of gratitude will be sent to Mrs. Thomas for her service on the Board.

At this time the biannual Election of Officers was held. On motion of Mr. Aucoin and second by Mr. Stephens, Dr. Cefalu was nominated/recommended to remain as Chairman of the Hospital Service District #2 Board. The nominations were closed. On motion of Mr. McCarty, second by Mr. Stephens and unanimously carried, the Board voted to keep Dr. Cefalu as Chairman. On motion of Mrs. Cheramie, second by Mr. McCarty and unanimously carried, the Board elected Mrs. Brocato to serve as Vice Chairperson. On motion of Mr. McCarty, second by Mr. Stephens and

unanimously carried, the Board voted to keep Mrs. Cheramie as Secretary/Treasurer.

Attorney Bourgeois discussed the retaining of Pitts & Matte for CPA services and the reasons thereof. Mr. Tim Matte with Pitts & Matte made a brief presentation and a brief discussion was held. On motion of Mrs. Cheramie, second by Mr. Stephens and unanimously carried, the Board voted to retain Pitts & Matte for CPA services and further authorized Dr. William A. Cefalu, Jr. to sign the Engagement Letter.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and action on retaining Trinity Capital Resources for Municipal Advisory Services. Attorney Bourgeois made a brief statement/recommendation and discussions were held. On motion of Mr. Stephens, second by Mrs. Cheramie and unanimously carried, the Board voted to retain the services of Trinity Capital Resources and authorized Dr. Cefalu to sign the Agreement for Services. Mr. Steve Nosaka made a brief statement to the Board.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and action on The Communication Institute (TCI) proposal for continued communication services. Dr. Cefalu and Attorney Bourgeois briefly addressed the Board concerning this proposal and the need to update the public concerning the status of the repairs to the hospital and/or spending of the tax funds for various other approved items. After discussions, on motion of Mrs. Cheramie, second by Mr. Stephens and unanimously carried, the Board voted to table this matter until the February 5 meeting for further discussions and/or actions.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and action on Community Outreach. Dr. Cefalu stated that he had not received a full calendar of the upcoming events and at the next meeting (February 5) Jennifer Wise, Chief Nursing Officer and CEO of Ochsner St. Mary (OSM) would be present to give an update as to community outreach events and the status of repairs at OSM. Discussions were held as to the status of repairs as given by Dr. Cefalu.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and action on FEMA Reimbursement/Capital Outlay Request process. Attorney Bourgeois stated that there had been several meetings with FEMA and all concerned and a brief discussion was held as to the status of these matters. He stated that work is in progress, no definite amount of funds needed has been provided and no apportionment has been decided on who is claiming what. Attorney Bourgeois stated that the Board will be kept informed with any updates.

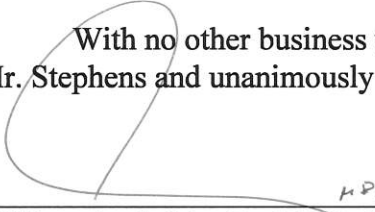
Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and action on Fox-Nesbit Engineering, LLC's assessment and contracting with Shamrock Construction regarding the entrance overhang at OSM. Attorney Bourgeois gave the Board an update and discussed the quote for costs provided in their packets regarding the overhang. After a brief discussion, on motion of Mr. Acuoin, second by Mr. Stephens and unanimously carried, the Board voted to accept/proceed with the proposal submitted by Shamrock Construction regarding the "canopy/overhang" at OSM.

At this time Dr. Cefalu gave his Chairman's Report. He stated that it's flu season and the hospital is "rocking and rolling". He thanked the community and members of the District who voted

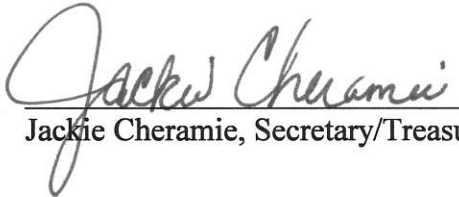
for the tax millage and stated there was an overwhelming support for said millage. He stated that the community has "stepped up" and they will need to see growth, improvements to the hospital/services and recruitment within the next ten (10) years. Discussions were held as to possible expansion of services and the vibe of the OSM Staff now that the tax has passed. Attorney Bourgeois stated that the Board will hear more regarding scholarships at the February 5th meeting. Mrs. Cheramie suggested that the high schools be contacted and promoted regarding scholarships. Further discussions were held as to this matter. Dr. Cefalu was thanked for the extra time he had devoted towards to the passage of the millage.

Dr. Cefalu stated that there were no matters to be taken up in Executive Session this date.

With no other business to come before the Board, on motion of Mrs. Cheramie, second by Mr. Stephens and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.



William A. Cefalu, Jr., M.D., Chairman



Jackie Cheramie, Secretary/Treasurer