

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICE
DISTRICT #2 OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
MAY 7, 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, May 7, 2025 at 12:00 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., Jackie Cheramie, Angelena Brocato, William McCarty, Thane Aucoin and Clarence Robinson, Jr.

ABSENT: Donald Stephens

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.

Dr. Cefalu welcomed the new Board Member, Clarence Robinson, Jr. Roll call was taken. Those Board Members present and those absent listed above.

On motion of Mrs. Brocato, second by Mr. McCarty and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Minutes of April 2, 2025.

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 Lea Hebert, member of the OSM Governing Board were present this date.

Dr. Cefalu called for the Financial Report. Mrs. Cheramie presented the Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2025. Upon motion of Mr. Aucoin, second by Mrs. Brocato and unanimously carried, the Board approved the financials as presented.

Dr. Cefalu called for a Resolution to Adopt millage rate for 2025. Attorney Bourgeois stated that it had been 25 years since the Board had to adopt a Resolution for a millage rate and he explained to the Board the procedures that will follow. The Resolution was read in full by Attorney Bourgeois and a motion was made by Mrs. Cheramie and a second by Mrs. Brocato with no discussion. After calling for public comments, a roll call vote was taken as follows: Yeas by Dr. Cefalu, Mrs. Cheramie, Mrs. Brocato, Mr. McCarty, Mr. Aucoin and Mr. Robinson and with Mr. Stephens being absent, the following Resolution was thereupon adopted by the Board, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2025 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 2 OF ST. MARY PARISH:

MILLAGE

To improve, maintain, operate and support hospital and other health care facilities in the District 9 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of ST. MARY, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as herein above set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2025, and to make collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

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Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on Community Outreach. Mrs. Jennifer Wise, Chief Nursing Officer and CEO of OSM gave a brief update on the past, current/future events/activities scheduled for community outreach. Mrs. Wise recognized Dwan Naverre, Community Outreach Coordinator for her participation in the 2024 Leadership St. Mary Class through the St. Mary Parish Chamber of Commerce. A brief discussion was held as to these matters.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on OSM architectural, engineering and front entrance overhang. Attorney Bourgeois gave an update on this matter and the need for an emergency declaration. He further advised the Board of the water intrusion this date because of the weather. The Justification Letter and Letter of Proposal for Architectural Services on the OSM brick entry repair by Grace Hebert Curtis Architects, LLC was discussed and reviewed by the Board. After further discussions, on motion of Mrs. Brocato, second by Mrs. Cheramie and unanimously carried, the Board voted to authorized Dr. Cefalu to sign the Proposal from Grace Hebert Curtis Architects, LLC. On motion of Mr. Aucoin, second by Mrs. Brocato and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the following Emergency Resolution:

Resolution

A resolution of the Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Mary ("District") declaring a "State of Emergency" and authorizing the expeditious removal of the existing bricks above the entire entrance overhang deemed necessary in response to post-hurricane inspections and architectural and engineering recommendations to prevent injury to the public.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, previously declared that a State of Emergency existed due to the damage resulting from Hurricane Francine as of September 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the observation of large cracks in the bricks on the entrance overhang, the District obtained architectural and structural engineering assessments, and ultimately the opinion letter from Grace Hebert recommending that, due to the severity of the problem, that a contractor be engaged as quickly as possible to remove the bricks and make repairs to avoid injury to the

public and further damage.

BE IT RESOLVED that a State of Emergency exists with respect to the state of the bricks on the entrance overhang at Ochsner St. Mary and authority is hereby granted to expeditiously perform the removal and replacement work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Cefalu is authorized to do all things necessary and proper in connection with achieving the brick removal and replacement project.

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Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on Resolution Declaring Emergency for HVAC Equipment Procurement. Attorney Bourgeois discussed the Justification Letter from YKH Consulting regarding the prior water intrusion and the facility currently operating under negative pressure and the need for a declaration of emergency. After further discussions, on motion of Mrs. Brocato, second by Mr. McCarty and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the following Emergency Resolution:

Resolution

A resolution of the Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Mary ("District") declaring a continuing "State of Emergency" and authorizing Ochsner St. Mary to make the expeditious acquisition of supplemental outdoor rooftop air units deemed necessary in response to impacts from Hurricane Francine, to improve indoor air quality and to offset negative building pressure.

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service of the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Hurricane Center detailed Hurricane Francine's effects through St. Mary Parish with devastating winds and heavy rains;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Louisiana, Jeff Landry, and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) urged everyone to prepare for Francine and the Governor declared on September 9, 2024 a state of emergency via Executive Order Number JML 24-142 due to Hurricane Francine;

WHEREAS, the St. Mary Parish President, similarly declared, as of September 9, 2024, the existence of a State of Emergency within St. Mary Parish, in accordance with *La. R.S. 29:727*, due to the threat of serious weather from Francine and the probability for hurricane force winds, storm surge and flooding rainfall, and our Parish President ordered that all Emergency Preparedness Plans be activated; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, previously declared that a State of Emergency existed due to the damage resulting from Hurricane Francine as of September 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, via its letter dated May 5, 2025, YKH Consulting, LLC, Ochsner's mechanical engineers, recommended the emergency procurement of necessary supplemental outdoor rooftop air units in order to have them built and installed by August 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED that a State of Emergency, as a result of Hurricane Francine, continues to exist and that Ochsner St. Mary is hereby permitted to expeditiously acquire the necessary supplemental outdoor rooftop air units.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District shall reimburse Ochsner St. Mary for the costs of the air units and their installation on a reimbursement basis in accordance with the existing CEA on Supplemental Funding dated June of 2024.

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Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on medical, nursing and allied health scholarship policies and procedures. Attorney Bourgeois gave an update on this matter. He stated that he had received a followup email from University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL) and a meeting is currently scheduled to discuss their program(s). He further gave a brief overview for the benefit of Mr. Robinson (new Board Member) regarding the Scholarship Programs and provided him with a copy of the draft of policy and procedures. Further discussions were held as to this matter. The matter was again tabled for one more month to allow Mr. Robinson to review his packet and to reach out again to the schools in Morgan City.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action to authorize funding of Medicine Apprenticeship Program at OSM. Attorney Bourgeois provided a brief statement regarding the documents in their packet as to this matter. Mrs. Wise then addressed the Board and offered suggestions to the Board. Further discussions were held as to this matter. On motion of Mrs. Cheramie, second by Mr. Aucoin and unanimously carried, the Board voted to fund a Medicine Apprenticeship Program and authorized Dr. Cefalu to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement regarding such program.

At this time Dr. Cefalu have his Chairman's Report and stated that all had been covered previously and was looking forward to the building being "sealed up".

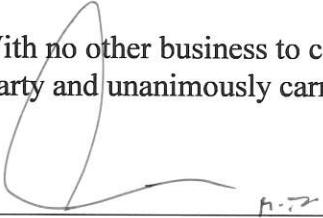
On motion of Mrs. Brocato, second by Mr. Aucoin and unanimously carried, the Board retired into Executive Session to discuss strategic planning pursuant to *LA R.S. 46:1071, et. seq.*

Upon resuming from Executive Session, Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) for increased ENT services. On motion of Mrs. Cheramie, second by Mrs. Brocato and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Dr. Cefalu to sign a CEA for increased ENT services.

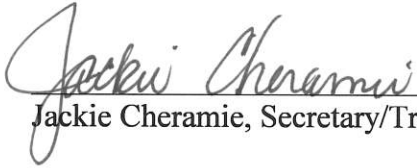
Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) between HSD #2 and HSD #1 of the Parish of Terrebonne. On motion of Mrs. Brocato, second by

Mrs. Cheramie and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Dr. Cefalu to sign the IGA between HSD #2 and HSD #1 of the Parish of Terrebonne, subject to legal approval and the finalization of the agreement.

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



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



Jackie Cheramie, Secretary/Treasurer