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Acadia St. Landry Hospital
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of the Acadia St. Landry Hospital Service District met on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 5:15 pm in the Acadia St. Landry Hospital Board Room at 810 South Broadway Street, Church Point, Louisiana.

CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lee Ward Bellard on January 23, 2025 at 5:15PM.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- The Prayer was led by Rachel Broussard and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lee Ward Bellard.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEMBERS:

- Board Members Present: Lee Ward Bellard, Jeff Richard, Rachel Broussard, Tony Cook, Benji Bellard, and Carrie Guidry, MD

A quorum was established.

- Board Members Absent: None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

- **ASLH EMPLOYEES:** Michael J. LeJeune – CEO/Administrator, Tiffany Young, Controller, Courtney Gerald- Elkins, Executive Assistant
- **GENERAL PUBLIC:** Jason LeBlanc and Ryan “Spanky” Meche

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Chairman Lee Ward Bellard confirmed with those in attendance that there was no one with public comment. Being none, the public comment section was closed.

APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS AGENDA:

- Chairman Lee Ward Bellard asked if any items on the consensus agenda needed to be removed for further discussion. With no items to be removed, L. Bellard asked for a motion to approve the consensus agenda which contained the following items:
 - a. Approval of December 2024 Meeting Minutes
- Motion by Tony Cook, second by Jeff Richard to approve all items on the consensus agenda. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Jason LeBlanc, CPA with Lester, Miller & Wells, CPAs presented the financial reports and business office reports for the months of November and December 2024.
- Motion by Tony Cook, second by Rachel Broussard to approve the November and December 2024 financial reports. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

AUDIT REPORT:

- Jason LeBlanc, CPA, reviewed the Financial Audit Report done by Kolder, Slaven and Company, LLC.
- Motion by Rachel Broussard, second by Jeff Richard to approve the financial audit report. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

CEO REPORT:

- In the way of CEO report, LeJeune stated the following:
- Michael LeJeune recognized Church Point Mayor, Ryan “Spanky” Meche to whom he yielded the first part of the CEO report so that the mayor could speak. Mayor Meche stated that he wanted to publicly recognize and commend Michael LeJeune, CEO and his staff who worked tirelessly throughout the historic snow event. Mayor Meche mentioned that he witnessed the CEO in rubber boots and shovel in hand and that this was a testament to his leadership. The mayor also stated that he received a call from a Church Point citizen who was grateful for the hospital and in particular, the helipad that was kept clear of snow. She attributed this to her loved one’s life being saved.
- Michael LeJeune then reported:
- “Snomagedon 2025” – Our emergency protocol was implemented and “essential staff” stayed at the hospital to ensure a continuum of care for our patients. I am proud to say that we were able to assist an inpatient hospice house by accepting their “General Inpatients” to ensure they had what was need during the winter storm.
- A huge Thank You to our staff that came in and stayed during the storm. We could not have done it with out you all.
- Thank you to Lance Armentar CEO, of Opelousas General who continued to work with us and take transfer patents. Will Hoover of the Lemoine Company who called with Diesel and Water tankers if needed, and Kirk Coussan of AirEvac for having a helicopter ready to fly here and taking our emergency transfers!
- We have 3 water heaters. We have been waiting on one to go out as we were crutching it along. 2 of the tanks went out within days of each other. Both tanks were replaced on Monday afternoon before the snow storm.

- I mentioned the update of the chargemaster in the last meeting. We continue to work with Stroudwater to complete this process. We have an update meeting next Tuesday the 28th.
- We recently implemented the 3R program through TruBridge. This is a HRIS program to do HR and payroll. We were informed by TruBridge that they are discontinuing the program, so at some point we will be switching to a new system
- I am proud to be representing the hospital as a member of Leadership Louisiana 2025.
- There seems to be some misunderstanding. I may have misspoken last meeting and if that is the case, then I apologize. Regarding Dr. Ramos, the hospital not renewing her contract was a hospital decision. I spoke to her about it, but she did not come to me saying she wanted to leave or retire. The decision is mine and is 100% a feasibility decision. Unfortunately, the Fleur-de-lis clinic was set up incorrectly causing the hospital to lose a significant amount of money. RHC's are reimbursed on a NP model, NOT a doctor model. We are trying to financially correct this situation which is why we decided not to renew the contract. It was initially setup correctly before the last NP was let go. Hard decisions must be made and unfortunately this was one of them. By no means does this speak to the character or care provided by Dr. Ramos. I said it before and will say it again. I think Dr. Ramos is a wonderful person and a phenomenal physician.
- **New Hospital Update:** Edie Bailey, the firm tasked with the mandatory second financial opinion is still processing the information. Tiffany and myself met virtually with the group on the 16th to answer questions. We hope to have the preliminary draft by the middle of February.
- Myself and our team met with Barry Lann of Grace Hebert Curtis Architects on November 27th to look at their portfolio of facilities they have constructed around the nation and give our feedback. We met again to view preliminary exterior designs via video conference yesterday the 22nd. We meet again next Tuesday and Thursday to continue reviewing hospital design and layout.
- I have had several meetings with Steven Nosacka of Trinity Capital and attorney Jack Stoller about the new hospital. We submitted to the USDA the request to use the CMAR process to find an appropriate contractor to build the facility. We found out last week that USDA approved the request. We have moved forward with the appropriate public notices to proceed with this process. You may see the notices in the newspaper and on our social media.
- We are still planning to approach the Police Jury and St. Landry Parish Government in early Q1 of this year.

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion by Rachel Broussard, second by Tony Cook to enter executive session at 6:08PM. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously. Guests in the session were hospital CPA, Jason LeBlanc and ASLH Controller Tiffany Young.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion by Rachel Broussard, second by Benji Bellard to exit executive session at 6:45PM. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

Upon exiting Executive Session, there were no actions taken by the board.

ADJOURN:

- Chairman Lee Ward Bellard asked if there was any further discussion. Being none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.
- Motion by Tony Cook, second by Benji Bellard to adjourn the meeting. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously to adjourn.
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

/S/ Lee Ward Bellard

Lee Ward Bellard
Board of Commissioners Chairman
Acadia St. Landry Parish Hospital

/S/ Michael J. LeJeune

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