

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALCASIEU CAMERON HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT
d/b/a WEST CALCASIEU CAMERON HOSPITAL
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025
11:00 a.m. - BOARD ROOM**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Bob Davidson; Bobby LeTard; Mark McMurry; Cecil Sanner; Ellis Hassien

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Janie Fruge'; Jobie James; Christi Kingsley; JW Peloquin; Dondra Zaunbrecher; Mike Klenke; Robbin Odom; Thea Tran; Dr. Gamborg; John Guilbeaux; Joe Andrepont

GUESTS PRESENT: Steve DeRouen; Tammy Naquin; Jessica Freeman

Mr. LeTard called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and led the group in prayer.

Mr. Steve DeRouen, CPA, presented the audit report for the year ending December 31, 2024. Financial highlights include: the Hospital's assets and deferred outflows exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at the close of fiscal year 2024 by \$60,467,250.00, which represents a 21.8% increase from last fiscal year. The Hospital's net patient service revenue increased by \$1,034,106.00 and the total operating expenses decreased by \$5,167,350.00. The amount of Cash and Cash Equivalents totaled \$23,556,585.00 with a total Current Asset amount of \$52,431,835.00. Net property, Plant and Equipment was \$36,270,578.00 for Total Assets of \$89,828,456.00 compared to \$81,576,413.99 last fiscal year. Asset to Liability ratio = 6.45 to 1. Total Liabilities were \$33,825,286.00, with \$17,338,908.00 of that being Other Post-Employment Benefits. Net patient Service Revenue was \$63,340,720.00 – a difference of \$1,034,106.00 from 2023. Other Revenue was \$17,866,451.00 for a Total Revenue amount of \$81,207,171.00 compared to \$80,106,552.00 in 2023. Total Operating Expenses were \$91,123,331.00 compared to \$96,290,681.00 in 2023, resulting in a (\$9,916,160.00) Income from Operations. Ad Valorem Taxes totaled \$11,531,053.00 compared to \$11,334,651.00 in 2023. There was an increase in our Net Position of \$10,803,154.00. For the year ending December 31, 2024, the Hospital's proportion of the Net Pension Liability was 98% funded, a net pension liability of \$4,421,601.00. The Auditor's Opinion is as follows: *"The financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital, a component unit of Calcasieu and Cameron Parish Police Juries, as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."* That concluded the Audit Presentation.

Mr. Bobby LeTard called a recess for lunch at 11:19 a.m. None were opposed.

At 11:46 a.m., Mr. Bobby LeTard called for the meeting to resume.

Mrs. Janie Fruge' announced that Thea Tran received the April CEO Shining Star Award.

Mr. Bob Davidson motioned to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2025, meeting as presented. Mr. Ellis Hassien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bobby LeTard announced the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for June 24, 2025. Next, there was a motion by Mr. Bob Davidson, seconded by Mr. Mark McMurry to appoint Mr. Ellis Hassien to the WCCH Foundation Board of Directors and to the Vinton Medical Clinic Advisory Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Janie Fruge' presented the CEO Report. She began with an update on the recently celebrated Hospital Week. That concluded the CEO Report.

Mrs. Jobie James, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Financial Reports for the hospital through April 30, 2025. She reported a balance of \$28,864,636.10 in cash, compared to \$31,196,508.97 in March. Contributing factors include supplemental payments and several capital expenditures. Net Income for April was (\$227,101.09) compared to a budget of \$52,798.00 and (\$19,323.38) at this time last year. She continued by reporting that Census Days were 475 compared to a budget of 580 and 580 this time last year. That concluded the Financial Report.

Mr. JW Peloquin then gave a Facilities Report. He presented the following items to be declared as surplus:

- 1) Exam chair
- 2) Two (2) sterilizers
- 3) HVAC boiler
- 4) Lab refrigerator
- 5) NuBoom light & monitor
- 6) Q stress test treadmill
- 7) Schwinn Airdyne
- 8) Two (2) treadmills
- 9) Four (4) Laparoscopic towers

Mr. Mark McMurry made a motion to approve the entire list as surplus property, meaning they are no longer useful in the hospital's daily operations. Mr. Cecil Sanner seconded the motion. This motion passed unanimously. Mr. Peloquin will now place these items for sale on the Govdeals.com website.

Next, Mr. Peloquin gave an update on the Draw Lab renovations. There was a slight delay due to the installation of a lift station for the new bathroom. The project is still underway with approximately 45 days until completion. Mr. Peloquin reported that some core drilling was done last week as part of the Water Booster Station project. The engineers are approximately 40% complete with the design phase of the project. That concluded the Facilities Report.

Mrs. Robbin Odom presented the Patient Care Report. She explained the callback procedures related to patient discharges. In April, there were 121 attempted calls resulting in 91 successful contacts with patients. That concluded the Patient Care Report.

Mrs. Thea Tran then presented the High Reliability Excellence: Elevating Patient Safety, Quality & Compliance Report. She began with the Patient Experience Report for the Emergency Department and Inpatient Units. Mrs. Tran followed with a presentation of the Patient Safety Scorecard. Lastly, Mrs. Tran presented the 2024 Clinical Contract Evaluation. There was a motion by Mr. Mark McMurry, seconded by Mr. Bob Davidson, to approve the 2024 Clinical Contract Evaluation as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Robbin Odom reviewed the action plans. That concluded the High Reliability Excellence: Elevating Patient Safety, Quality & Compliance Report.

Mrs. Janie Fruge' gave the Marketing/Foundation/Community Impact Report. She discussed the Bloomerang Donor Management System (software) currently being implemented. This platform will enable the WCCH Foundation to streamline donor engagement and operations, modernize event management, and increase communication efficiency and accessibility. That concluded the Marketing/Foundation/Community Impact Report.

Mr. Bob Davidson motioned to approve and accept the Medical Staff appointments, re-appointments, resignations, privileges & FPPE as submitted by the Medical Executive Committee. Mr. Ellis Hassien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Capital Requests were submitted as follows:

1. Tractor with Front End Loader, Forks & Rotary Cutter: \$50,531.56

There was a motion by Mr. Bob Davidson, seconded by Mr. Mark McMurry to amend the budget for \$50,531.56 and to approve the purchase of the Tractor with Front End Loader, Forks & Rotary Cutter for \$50,531.56. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Orthopedic Power Equipment: \$187,220.49

There was a motion by Mr. Mark McMurry, seconded by Mr. Cecil Sanner, to amend the budget for \$100,182.49 and to approve the purchase of the Orthopedic Power Equipment for \$187,220.49. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bob Davidson made the motion at 12:36 pm, seconded by Mr. Mark McMurry to move into Executive Session for the purposes of strategic planning, marketing, and personnel matters in keeping with Louisiana revised Statutes 42:6, 42:6.1, 46: 1073. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mark McMurry motioned at 1:32 pm to move back into Regular Session. Mr. Bob Davidson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Cecil Sanner, seconded by Mr. Bob Davidson to approve the acquisition of the property located at 1410 Stelly Lane, Sulphur, LA, for the purchase price of \$750,000.00, contingent upon title approval, and further authorize CEO Janie Fruge' to execute all documents necessary to complete the closing of this transaction. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Ellis Hassien, seconded by Mr. Bob Davidson to amend the agenda adding the following item: Resolution in Support of HB 607. The motion passed unanimously. Next, the following resolution was read in full:

WHEREAS, Louisiana House Bill 607 (2025), introduced by Representative Jerome Zeringue, seeks to establish a framework requiring healthcare facilities to obtain consent from the respective hospital service district before commencing operations; and

WHEREAS, the Calcasieu Cameron Hospital Service District, doing business as West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital (WCCH), recognizes the importance of local governance in healthcare decisions to ensure that healthcare services align with community needs and priorities; and

WHEREAS, WCCH is committed to enhancing the accessibility and quality of healthcare services in the West Calcasieu and Cameron parishes, particularly in underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of HB 607 aim to empower hospital service districts to make informed decisions about healthcare facilities operating within their jurisdictions, thereby promoting community involvement and ensuring that healthcare services are responsive to local needs; and

WHEREAS, WCCH believes that the passage of HB 607 will contribute to the development of sustainable healthcare solutions in the West Calcasieu and Cameron parishes, improving health outcomes and quality of life for residents in these areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Calcasieu Cameron Hospital Service District, doing business as West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital, hereby expresses its strong support for Louisiana House Bill 607 (2025) and encourages the Louisiana State Legislature to pass this important legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that WCCH authorizes its Chief Executive Officer to communicate this position to members of the Louisiana State Legislature, relevant stakeholders, and the public, and to take any necessary actions to advocate for the passage of HB 607.

ADOPTED this 27th day of May, 2025, by the Board of Commissioners of the Calcasieu Cameron Hospital Service District, doing business as West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital.

A roll call vote was held:

Mr. Davidson – Yes

Mr. Hassien – Yes

Mr. McMurry - Yes

Mr. Sanner - Yes

Mr. LeTard – Yes

The foregoing RESOLUTION was adopted by roll call vote, with all in attendance voting Yea, none voting Nay, no one abstaining, and no one absent.

There being no further business, Mr. Bob Davidson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ellis Hassien to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 pm.

Janie D. Fruge/Secretary

Bobby LeTard/Chairman