

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WINNIE-STOWELL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Winnie-Stowell Hospital District (“District”) was noticed and filed pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act a full 72 hours prior to the opening of said meeting for 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd day of October, 2019 at the Chambers County Annex Building, 211 Broadway Ave, Winnie, TX 77665. A copy of said Notice being placed amongst the files of the District.

At approximately 9:08 a.m., the meeting was convened, and the roll was called of the members of the Board, to wit:

Ed Murrell, President
Anthony Stramecki, Vice-President
Robert “Bobby” Way, Treasurer
Jeff Rollo, Secretary
Raul Espinosa, Director

All said Board members were present less Directors Espinosa. In addition, to the above-named Board members, also present at the meeting were: Sherrie Norris, District Administrator; Yani Jiminez, Indigent Care Director; Sherrie Norris, District Administrator; Patricia Ojeda, Indigent Care Coordinator/Administrative Assistant; Hubert Oxford, IV, General Counsel for the District; David Sticker, CPA for the District; Saad Javed, Acting Administrator for Riceland Hospital; Mr. Mo Danishmund, Chief Financial Officer for Hospital; and Gloria Roemer, Seabreeze Beacon.

President Murrell called the meeting to order and asked those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge of Allegiance to the State Flag of Texas. He then asked for Public Comment and since there was none, he called the Board’s attention to Agenda Item No. 4, to receive report from the Winnie Community Hospital staff on damage sustained at the Hospital from Tropical Storm Imelda and if necessary, take any needed action. Afterwards, he called on

the Hospital to give their report. Before giving the Hospital report, Mr. Javed distributed a written report. (See **Exhibit "A"**). Otherwise, Mr. Javed stated that on September 18th, 2019, Winnie Community Hospital was flooded in by Tropical Storm Imelda. The height of the water reached between four (4) to six (6) inches. During the storm, the Hospital evacuating patients from the building around midnight.

The damage from the flood waters required the Hospital to hire a remediation company to tear out sheet rock and insulation in the main hospital and PHP building, which houses the District's office. In addition, the Mr. Javed stated that the hospital sustained substantial damage to is equipment and they were working with engineers to assess any damage to the new CT machine. Despite the extensive damage, Mr. Javed reported that he anticipated that the repairs should take a month to complete.

Moreover, the Hospital had a call with representatives from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") on Monday, September 30, 2019 to provide CMS with a post-disaster review and a recovery plan. CMS was very understanding and offered assistance but advised that the Hospital's license was temporarily inactive until repairs and renovations were made and an inspection for life-safety is performed by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

Additionally, Mr. Javed reported that the Clinic is now open twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, and will be staffed by the Riceland Medical Center physicians and nursing staff. However, laboratory and radiology services are currently unavailable for either the main clinic or minor care area. Also, until the emergency room is returned to service, the Hospital is using 911 service for all emergency care calls.

After Mr. Javed's presentation, Mr. Danishmund gave the Board a report on the status of the Hospital's employees. According to Mr. Danishmund, all the employees are coming back to

work no later than October 7, 2019. The Board was pleased to hear this because there was some concern that the employees would be unable to seek any unemployment benefits.

Next, Mrs. Ojeda lead a discussion on the status of getting healthcare for the District's indigent care clients. She reported that she had ten (10) patients that needed to medical attention prior upcoming surgeries at UTMB. In response, the representatives from the Hospital agreed to work with Mrs. Ojeda to have the necessary healthcare treatments performed at their other facilities.

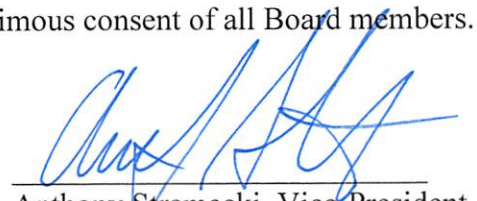
At the completion of the discussion regarding the status of the Hospital and healthcare treatment of the District's indigent client, President Murrell asked the Board to address Agenda Item No. 5, to discuss and take any needed action, if necessary, to purchase or lease real property and/or a facility to serve as the District's offices. Because the District's offices were flooded, President Murrell informed the Board that he has met with the owners of a building located on Highway 124 next to the U.S. Post Office for temporary office space. He explained that the building did not flood, and the owners were willing to lease the space for \$750.00 per month through December 2019. However, the District needed to be out of the building by the end of the year because they had previously committed the space to a new tenant starting January 1, 2020.

For the long term, President Murrell told the Board that he discussed with the owner of the Hospital, Mr. Tahir Javed, the possibility of using property on the Hospital's campus so that the District could locate a modular building to serve as the Hospital's principle place of business. President Murrell was happy to report that Mr. Javed agreed to give the District a long term lease for the property on the northwest corner of the Hospital. (*See Exhibit "B"*). After this announcement, there was a discussion concerning the need to get a fair market value assessment for the property so that the District could pay a fair market rent for the property. In addition,

President. Murrell stated that he was going to get bids for modular buildings and dirt work services to prepare a pad sight and parking area for staff. Once the discussion concluded on the rental of the property on the Hospital's campus, President Murrell appointed himself and Anthony Stramecki to a Building Committee. Thereafter, a motion was made by Director Way to: 1) give President Murrell authority to enter into a lease with Rollo Enterprises, Inc. for short term office facilities; 2) authorize staff to purchase office equipment and furniture for the new office; and 3) authorize staff to get internet and phone service for the new office. This motion was seconded Director Stramecki and approved by all members present except Director Rollo who abstained because the temporary offices were owned by a family business that was overseen by his brother, Billy Rollo.

After discussing the Agenda Items and there being no other business, President Murrell reminded the Board that the next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting was October 16, 2019. Subsequently, at 9:51 a.m., a motion was then made by Director Stramecki to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Director Way, with the unanimous consent of all Board members.


Edward Murrell, President


Anthony Stramecki, Vice-President