

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
SWEENY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

August 26, 2025

Time 1800

Members Present: Mason Nichols, President; Leeda Wood, Vice President
Scott Swift, Dale Thames, Aaron Jackson,
Members Absent: Patti Foster, Secretary; Millie Walker
Others Present: Jason Martinez, Captrust
Tom Ronayne
Employees Present: Kelly Park, Cindy Burge, Travis Alford, Gerald Sanchez, Kari Schroeter, Cody
Marlette

1. **Call to Order** Mr. Nichols called the meeting to order at 1800.
2. The invocation was given by Mr. Nichols.
3. **Record Members Present and Establish A Quorum**
There being 5 members present, a quorum was established.
4. **Public Comments**
A. None
5. **Review/Approve Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes:**
A. July 29, 2025 General Meeting
Scott Swift made a motion to approve the minutes from July 29, 2025. Dale Thames seconded the motion. Unanimous decision, motion carried.
7. **New Business**
A. Captrust Financial Advisors Quarterly Report
Jason Martinez gave a brief update regarding the Second Quarter for the investment account and the retirement accounts. Brief inquiry was made about the plans for the investment account. Option was presented regarding training for the employees to have better understanding regarding online accounts.
6. **Finance Committee Report**
Travis Alford gave overview of July 2025 financials.
After discussion, Dale Thames motioned to approve the July 2025 financials. Leeda Wood seconded the motion. Unanimous decision, motion carried.
10. **Committee Reports:**
A. Sweeny Community Hospital Foundation Board Update:
Kari Schraeter gave an update on the following:
 - Fundraiser update at Sweeny Community Center
 - Order for Pavers
 - \$148,000 in bank
7. **New Business**
B. Discuss tax rate and take a record vote to propose Tax Rate for 2025

Travis Alford gave an overview of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026 and the proposed tax rate for 2025.

After discussion, Scott Swift motioned to propose a 44.69% decrease with a tax rate of 0.197013 for 2025. After further discussion he withdrew the motion.

Aaron Jackson motioned to propose a 45.54% decrease with a tax rate of 0.195748 for 2025. Scott Swift seconded the motion.

Record vote was:

- Vote for - Mason Nichols, Dales Thames, Scott Swift, Aaron Jackson, Leeda Wood
- Vote against - 0
- Present but not voting - 0
- Names of absent – Patti Foster, Millie Walker

After vote, motion passed.

After further discussion regarding raises, Dale Thames motioned to rescind the motion previously made and propose a 44.69% decrease with a tax rate of 0.197013 for 2025. Motion died for lack of second.

Motion made by Aaron Jackson and seconded by Scott Swift remains as proposed 45.54% decrease with a tax rate of 0.195748 for 2025. Record vote remained as a unanimous decision.

C. Schedule Public Hearing to discuss Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and the 2025 Proposed Tax Rate

The board discussed holding the public hearing meeting to discuss the budget for fiscal year 2026 and the review/discuss the proposed to tax rate for 2025.

After discussion, Scott Swift motioned to hold the public hearing meeting on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Aaron Jackson seconded the motion. Unanimous decision, motion carried.

The budget can be approved and adopt the tax rate at that meeting or at the regular scheduled board meeting on September 23rd.

D. Review and Approve Medical Staff Rules and Regulations

Overview was given on the proposed changes to the Rules & Regulations.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY ROOM SERVICES C. Duties of the Departmental Physician

5. Any person presenting to the ED will receive a medical screening exam by a ~~physician~~ **qualified medical provider including Physicians, Physicians Assistants and Nurse Practitioners without delay** and all emergency conditions evaluated and treated or transferred.

After discussion, Leeda Wood made a motion to approve the changes as presented.

Dale Thames seconded the motion. Unanimous decision, motion passed.

E. Review/Discuss Appointment of Board Committees

Strategic Planning Committee – one open spot on the committee since Leeda Wood resigned and will not participate 2025/2026 term. Dale Thames motioned to appoint Scott Swift for the remainder of 2025-2026 term. Aaron Jackson seconded. Scott Swift accepted the position. Unanimous decision, motion passed.

F. Miscellaneous Capital Equipment

Capital equipment request was presented for 2 stretchers for the EMS Department ambulances totaling \$69,969.26. This included a trade in of the old stretchers. Leeda Wood seconded the motion, unanimous decision, motion passed.

8. Old Business

A. Replacement hospital update: Kelly Park

Update given regarding the following:

- Plumbing issues at the new hospital
- Roofing completed at new hospital
- AC unit above C-Suite – part on order under warranty
- AC issues servicing the hallway in front of main conference room and dining area
- Flooring repaired in several areas of new hospital
- EMS building update
- Underground diesel tank empty and removed
- Completion of the demolition of old hospital by end of week
- Power off at old hospital
- Water at EMS station has been connected

9. Administrative Information Report – Kelly Park

A. CEO Report

- Contract with HR consultant
- DNV survey update

10. Committee Reports

B. Auxiliary Committee Update: Leeda Wood

- No meeting this month
- Robes furnished for Sweeny Breast Centers
- Gift shop system working well

11. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Nichols announced the Board would go into closed, Executive Session at 2131 to review the following:

A. Discuss Deliberations Concerning Real Property

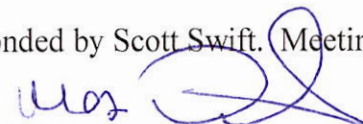
End of Executive Session

Went out of Executive Session at 2210

12. Action regarding Executive Session: None

13. Adjournment

Aaron Jackson moved for adjournment, seconded by Scott Swift. Meeting adjourned at 2211.



Mason Nichols, President
Recorder: Cindy Burge