

**Morton County Health System
Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of May 20, 2025**

1. **Call to Order:** Troy Barnett, Chairman of the board, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Attendees:

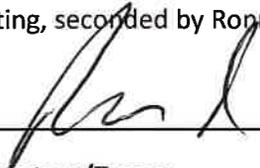
Lisa Swenson, CEO via zoom
Karen Gates, Vice Chairman
Ron Rich, Secretary/Treasurer
Ronn Martin, Board Member
Jennifer Pearlstein, Administrative Assistant/minutes
Audra Gonzalez, CNO via zoom
Dr. Andy Wilson, ACP Health via zoom
Braden Anderson, CFO via zoom
Dr. Brett Burnett, CMO via zoom

2. **Approve Agenda:** Troy asked for motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. Ron R made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Karen, motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Board members read the April 22, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Troy asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Karen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ronn M, motion carried.
4. **CEO Report Lisa:** Lisa presented a power point presentation. ER visits continue to increase. Marketing the clinic and hospital is underway. We are advertising walk in/same day appointments at the clinic and will begin tracking them. Construction has started at the back ER entrance. Cassie Mason is May Employee of the Month. The Senior Center is holding the Senior Expo on Thursday, May 22nd at the Civic Center, the clinic and AL will have tables set up.
5. **CFO Report Braden:** Braden presented a power point presentation going over financials. Oct, Nov, and Dec financials are closed. The 2024 audit was completed, and we are waiting for the results. Our DNFB continues to decrease. The departmental budgets are complete and will be distributed to them.
6. **CNO Report Audra:** Audra presented a power point presentation. We have a nurse that has decided to come back and join our team. Our transfers continue to decrease, the only patients that are transferred are due to needing a higher level of care.
7. **Other Business: Health Fair** – Karen asked if we would be holding the health fair in August. The health fair will be held the first week in August when the county fair is going on. Overall, it will look the same with a few exceptions, patients will need to schedule their follow up appointment to go over their results before leaving.
Old Care Center: The commissioners and representatives from the VA toured the old care center and are very interested in using that facility for a Women's VA Center.
No Fund Warrants: Karen asked how long are the no fund warrants good for. This will be researched and reported at the next board meeting.
8. **Public Comments:** Nothing currently.

9. **New Business: Credentialing Beam:** Troy asked for a motion to appoint Dr. Kerline Ductan to an initial medical staff appointment with full privileges. Karen made a motion to appoint Dr. Kerline Ductan seconded by Ron R, motion carried.
10. **Executive Session:** Troy asked for a motion to enter executive session at 12:45 pm with Lisa, Braden, and Andy for Personnel for 45 minutes. Karen made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Ronn M, motion passed. Executive session ended at 1:30 pm with no action taken.

Troy asked for a motion to re-enter executive session at 1:30 with Lisa, Braden, and Andy for 30 minutes for personnel. Motion made by Karen, seconded by Ron R, Motion passed. Executive session ended at 1:43 with no action taken.

11. **Adjournment:** Troy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron R made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ronn M, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm



Ron Rich, Secretary/Treasurer

6-17-25
Date