

**CONCHO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES**

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CONCHO**

1. Call to Order

The Concho County Hospital Board of Directors met in Eden, Texas at the Health and Wellness Center on February 27, 2018 at 5:39 pm.

Board of Directors:	Brent Frazier	President
	Julie Cox	Member
	Leah Brosig	Member
	Kyan Kirby	Member

Others Present:	Brian Lady	CEO
	Priscilla Aguirre	Revenue Cycle Manager
	Margaret Loveless	
	Karen Loveless	
	Lilian Dolle	

2. Public Comment

Margaret and Karen Loveless introduced their concerns about the wind turbines in our area. Margaret is requesting the board form a committee to review and evaluate the pros and cons of the wind turbines. They would like it noted that they met with the school board February 22, 2018 and plan on meeting with the city council at their next scheduled meeting. Lilian questioned if we gave RES a tax abatement, Mr. Frazier stated not RES, but Cactus Flats. Lilian asked if we are going to give one to Maverick Ridge, Mr. Frazier advised we wouldn't know anything until they are ready to build. Lilian asked the amount of money we received, Mr. Frazier stated CCH will receive roughly \$113,000. Mr. Frazier suggested they be added to the March meeting agenda so that they will be able to discuss their concerns and have response back from the board.

3. Approval of Minutes for January

Mrs. Brosig made a motion to approve January 23, 2018 minutes; The motion was 2nd by Mrs. Kirby. Passed 4-0.

4. Financial Statement and Accounts Payable for January

The board reviewed accounts payable report for January 2018. Mrs. Cox asked what Wilco Data, LLC was, Mrs. Aguirre and Mr. Lady explained they were the pharmacy's 340B management company. Mrs. Cox questioned who Barbara Bowman Wheatley was, Mr. Lady explained she was our consultant. Mrs. Cox asked about JJ Storage, Mr. Lady explained it was beds and other items, and that we wouldn't need the storage much longer because the group who is providing us with our hard drive destruction will take the items in storage.

5. Approval of Policies

The Board reviewed the Administrative Manual. Mr. Lady explained that the approval of the administrative manual would lead to operation policies only, being brought to a committee instead of the board. Mr. Lady explained policies that would need the boards approval, policies that would affect the hospital as a whole, would continue to be brought to the board.

Mr. Lady stated the board would get a list of all policies approved by the committee. Mrs. Cox asked who would overlook the department heads approving the policies, Mr. Lady stated we would have committee approving the policies. Mrs. Brosig made a motion to approve the Administrative Manual, Mrs. Cox second the motion 4-0 approved. Mr. Frazier reviewed the revised Charity Care and Financial Assistance policy, he asked if indigent care was included, Mrs. Aguirre stated it was included in the policy. Mr. Lady explained it would be retroactive to October 1, 2016. Mr. Lady explained the charity policy, process and guidelines. Mrs. Brosig made a motion to approve the charity policy, Mrs. Cox second the motion. Board members reviewed the Privacy policy, Mrs. Brosig made a motion to approve the policy, Mrs. Kirby second the motion. Policies approved 4-0.

6. **Monthly Performance Improvement/QA Monitors**

The Performance Improvement/QA Monitors report was reviewed. No issues found with the report, no questions or concerns.

7. **Review of and Possible Action On the Clinic Buildout Proposal**

Mr. Lady Explained the proposal for the Clinic- H&W building, he also provided the architect plan. He explained putting the pharmacy out in the building would cause a negative impact on the cost report. Mr. Lady explained it is important to have a clinic because it will assist in applying for grants. Mrs. Cox made a motion to move forward with the Clinic, Mrs. Brosig second the motion. 4-0 passed.

8. **Administrators Report**

Mr. Lady gave the board details about his trip to Washington DC. Mr. Lady gave the board information about the PTSD- VA program, he states Trent our lawyer is looking into the program for us. Mr. Lady gave the board information about the Capital Improvement Grant we filed last week; he states if we receive it, it will go towards the clinic building. He states we are still recruiting a physician. Mr. Lady discussed his meeting with our lawyer, about the Texas Not for profit group- how we will employee our specialist out of San Angelo. He explained that Dr. Montoya has already started seeing patients onsite. Mr. Lady discussed the cost report with the board states we will be getting about 270,000.

9. **Executive Session-Strategic Planning & Personnel Items**

The Board went into executive session at 6:45PM

10. **Action from Executive Session**

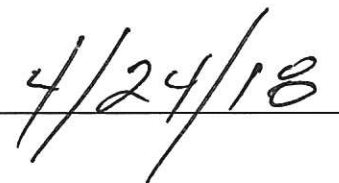
Mrs. Brosig made a motion to form a committee to address the concerns about the wind turbines. Mrs. Cox second the motion. 4-0 passed. The issue will be added to the agenda for the March meeting.

11. **Adjournment**

Mr. Frazier called executive session at 7:21, Mrs. Brosig made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22, Mrs. Cox second the motion.



Date



HOSPITAL BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2018 5:30 PM

Thank you for giving me your time.

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Subject: Hazards that we may entail regarding the proximity of location of Wind Turbines that may be placed within one mile of Eden's northern city limits and in relation to the hospital, nursing home, school, businesses and homeowners particularly located on the northern part of the city.

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Request to board: Appoint a committee to please review and evaluate numerous sites on the internet, and various individual's past experience – pro and con- and focusing on the safety of location of Wind Turbine Towers that could be located within one mile distance to this location.

Recommendation: Committee give result of their findings to board regarding concern and communicate in writing with RES and other related groups involved about complications that could be a problem as to the location of a wind farm in proximity of large groups and cross section of age groups located in the immediate areas of the hospital and nursing home. Request that Wind Turbines be "set-back" 10 miles (safe distance – nobody knows) from Eden City Limits or CCH and nursing home. Or maybe consider establishing a moratorium on wind project development in order to do an in-depth study on overall effect on patients' safety in the hospital and residents of the nursing home –especially in regard to sleeplessness and headaches among other quality of life concerns. (After attending the demonstration at Melvin, the presenters did not discuss this matter although it is specifically mentioned in the contract as stated in the above paragraph "Hazard" and specifically states in the contract that "In no event shall tenant be liable or responsible for" such issues as specifically stated). Refer to Item 9.1 in contract.

Complications in question: undesirable health matters among families including all age groups, undesirable health matters with animals and nature in general, impairment of technological equipment, etc

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Concho County Hospital Board meeting, February 27, 2018, 5:30pm – public comments

Introduction:

I am grateful for the opportunity to speak to you today. My name is Karen Loveless, and I am a resident of the city of Eden. Since birth, I grew up here and was educated in the Eden public school system. I am a graduate of the Eden High School class of 1994. After high school, I was away from Eden for 12 years pursuing my education and work opportunities. I obtained my bachelor's degree from Wayland Baptist University in 2003 with a major in Business Administration. I am now presently employed for the past 5 years working from home for Educational Testing Service, which you may be familiar with in that they administer the SAT and GRE college entrance exams for students. As an employee for ETS, I score English language proficiency tests.

What brings me here today:

What brings me here today at this specific point in time is that my Aunt Ana Frances Loveless is a landowner on HWY 83 approximately 1 mile north of the Eden city limits who was recently approached to lease her land to RES as part of the proposed wind farms. She was told the turbines to be used in the Maverick Creek project in Concho county would be "next generation turbines" that generate between 3.6 and 4.2 megawatts (MW) of electricity per turbine. My aunt is older, and the contract she was given was very long and very detailed. She had a lot of questions about wind projects, so I went on the Internet to seek answers for her.

In the course of this research for my aunt, I found information shared by other communities across the United States and around the world who have installed wind turbines near their towns and residential areas. There were a number of complaints of ill health effects experienced by both humans and animals living in close proximity to wind turbines. Also in this research, some tried to say the ill health effects expressed by people were simply psychological or "all in their head". But animals, as we know, are not subject to psychological manipulation or suggestion and there were many reported incidents of effects on animals living near wind turbines.

It was for this reason among others that my aunt chose not to participate in the wind farm project due to the close proximity of her land to the city of Eden and why we have come here today to speak to you out of concern for the patients and residents in the hospital and nursing home.

While there is not enough time to share all of my research, I would mention a 2013 lawsuit from our neighbors down South in Raymondville, Texas. This was brought by 23 landowners who leased their land to a wind turbine company as part of a wind farm there. Among the many complaints in their suit were that the wind turbines created "acoustic pressure pulsations that affect peoples' health", complaints in regards to noise, and that the turbines interfere with

telephone, Internet, television, and satellite reception. Conditions were so bad for some residents that some of them were forced to abandon their homes, the lawsuit states.

The need for medical treatment and care in either the hospital or nursing home can be one of the weakest, most fragile, and vulnerable times in a person's life. My concern for the patients and residents are that their treatment is not compromised by additional health issues stemming from wind turbines sited in close proximity to the city of Eden.

In addition, there is a great deal of investment in property and infrastructure as well as equipment in the hospital and nursing home. It is important that reliable, unimpeded technological access remains available so that equipment operates as it should and patients and residents can obtain the treatment they need. Finally, should conditions associated with the proposed turbines become bad, it would be very costly and labor-intensive to abandon the hospital and nursing home and rebuild elsewhere.

In order to find answers to my aunt's questions, I sifted through a large volume of information. The references listed below are a few sites that seemed the most applicable to issues affecting the hospital and nursing home. I am able to share the rest of the information from the research I did for my aunt with any interested parties and can be reached on my cell phone at 325-792-4238. Please file this communication with the minutes of the meeting. And thank you again for your time.

See also: **Oklahoma Wind Turbines** on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/W1YPUtjhflY>

Voices of Vinalhaven Part 1: wind turbine noise on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/quSkEbYnygA>

Voices of Vinalhaven Part 2: wind turbine noise on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/JaxkFhdrv4>

Summary: Residents of Vinalhaven, Maine discuss their experience with wind turbine noise.

Excerpts from the Final Report of the Township of Lincoln's Wind Turbine Moratorium Committee - <http://betterplan.squarespace.com/what-happened-in-lincoln-towns/>

Summary: Includes report from farmer Scott Srnka in Wisconsin who describes health issues experienced by his family and his cow herd

French dairy farmer sues wind energy company on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/GbC6we-ssX0>

Summary: A scientific explanation is given for why the farmer's cows produce half as much milk after wind turbine installation.

Denmark wind turbines disrupt menstruation - <https://wcfm.org/2014/07/10/denmark-wind-turbines-disrupt-menstruation/>

Summary: Women in Denmark experience similar health issues as those described by Mr. Srnka's family in Wisconsin, discusses setback distance in relationship to MW output.