

OCMH Board

The Osborne County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees met March 24, 2025. Board Members Present: Greg Mick, Ginger Howell, John Girard, Janel Burch and Craig Beougher.

Others Present: Doris Brown, CEO, Melissa Prante, CFO, Amy Doane, HR/Marketing Director, Cindy Hyde, RM/Infection Preventionist, Michelle Watkins, Cardiac Rehab Director and Penny McKenzie, Radiology Director.

Mick, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:26 p.m.

Education: Penny McKenzie, Radiology Director, discussed Radiology and the services offered (Ultrasound, Mammography, MRI, X-Ray, CT Scan, and EKG) at OCMH. Penny stated the department is fully staffed currently, after several months during 2024 of minimal staffing due to a retirement and resignation of staff. She is looking into an onsite MRI modular unit. The current mobile unit is here three Saturdays a month and only allows for five exams a day to be scheduled when they are onsite. Her goal for 2025 is to have staff get certified in EKG. A board member asked about the Mammography services. Penny explained, due to the regulations, OCMH could not meet the requirements, a facility must do 200 exams per Mammography Tech and within those numbers a certain number must be dense breast tissue and fatty breast tissue Osborne County does not have a large enough population to support the requirements, as they currently are. Penny left the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Burch made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Howell seconded. Motion carried.

The minutes from the February 24, 2024, regular meeting were presented. Girard made a motion to accept the minutes, to include the spelling correction to names for Miranda and Crystal, as presented, Burch seconded. Motion carried.

Beougher presented the Board of Trustees Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2025. Deposits consisted of interest, grant received from McFadden for the purchase of a C-Arm for Radiology and donations for the walking path. Deductions from the accounts was for service charge. Burch made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, Howell seconded. Motion carried

The Financial Report for the months of January and February 2025 were presented by Melissa Prante. January ended with a net loss of -\$65,810 and February ended with a net profit of \$9,957, for a year-to-date loss of -\$55,854. Pharmacy supplies expense and professional fees were higher than budgeted. Gross and Net A/R days increased due to an error made by CMS. The error was discovered and is now corrected.

Burch questioned the restricted amounts on the balance sheet. Melissa will move restricted amounts to the correct accounts for March. Beougher made a motion to accept the unaudited financials for January and February 2025, Girard seconded. Motion carried.

The minutes from the February 20, 2025 Medical Staff meetings were presented. Burch made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Howell seconded. Motion carried.

There was no providers for February credentialing and privileging.

The list of Medical Staff Directors for 2025 was reviewed. Doris Brown stated the director positions stated the same as they were in 2024. Burch made a motion to approve the Medical Staff Directors as presented, Howell seconded. Motion carried.

Policies and Procedures: The following policies were presented for approval:

- Measles (Rubeola) - Infection Control — New
- Innovance D-Dimer
- Moderate Complexity -Lab - New
- Prothrombin Time (PT)

and International Normalized Ratio (INR) — Lab - Revised

- Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time (APTT or PTT) - Lab - Revised
- Mono-Whole Blood
- Waived - Lab - Revised

- Symxex Hematology Analyzer XN 450 - Lab - Revised
- Antibody Detection Method - Two Cell Screen Anti-IgG - Lab - Revised

- Direct Antiglobulin Test - Anti-IgG High Complexity - Lab - Revised
- Antiglobulin Crossmatch High Complexity - Lab - Revised

- Urinalysis-Dipstick and Microscopic Moderate Complexity - Lab - Revised
- Ortho Vitros 7600 - Lab - New

Howell asked to see the protocol for stroke. Brown stated that she would bring to the April board meeting. Girard made a motion to approve the new and revised policies, Howell seconded. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports: Risk Management, Infection Prevention, Antimicrobial Stewardship and the HCAPS report for January 2025 were reviewed. Howell made a motion to approve the monthly reports as presented, Girard seconded. Motion carried.

CEO Report: Doris Brown, reported open positions are C.N.A., RN/LPN, Medical Lab Technician, Dietary Cook/Aide, Infection Prevention/ Employee Health Nurse and Registration Clerk. A financial counselor has been hired. She will train at the Registration Desk first, then start training as a financial counselor. Dr. Owens started March 14 with a few minor surgical procedures. The next Surgery date will be April 10. We are still working on credentialing for the Orthopedic Surgeon. The “go live” date for the new payroll system has been pushed back until May. Michele Watkins, ER/Cardiac Rehab Director is finishing up the process for OCMH to apply for Level IV Trauma Certification.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Brown stated she would like to move forward with the purchase of the Lucas device from Stryker, with unrestricted funds in the Memorial Account. Girard made a motion to purchase the Stryker Lucas device with unrestricted funds from the memorial account, Burch seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Brown discussed the Blood Bank Reference Lab Services Agreement from Hays Med. She would like for the Board to approve, as she has already signed the agreement because Hays Med sent the agreement out with notification of the change the first part of March and the change was effective the middle of March, before our scheduled board meeting. All the rates are the same as they were under Quest.

Howell made a motion to approve post facto, the Blood Bank Reference Lab Services Agreement from Hays Med, Beougher seconded. Motion carried.

b) Brown discussed the ClaraPrice, Inc. Master Service Agreement for Pricing Transparency services. This was included in the Great Plains Health Alliance agreement and that agreement will be ending. The Pricing Transparency is required by CMS and this company will handle everything associated with the process, whereas, GPHA's process did not make us fully compliant. Girard made a motion to approve the ClaraPrice, Inc. Master Service Agreement for Pricing Transparency, Howell seconded. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Amy Doane, Director HR/Marketing showed the Board members a revision to our logo for OCMH. The current logo does not have Osborne County Memorial Hospital on it and after attending events in the area, she noticed that no one knew what OCMH meant. Many people don't know where Osborne is either. She will bring more information on the logo update to the next meeting.

At 6:27 p.m. Burch made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contracted personnel with Brown for 30 minutes, Howell seconded. Motion carried. Guest exited the meeting at that time.


At 6:57 p.m. Howell made a motion to exit executive session, Burch seconded. Motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Post Rock Extension District

Blaire Todd

Livestock Production Agent



Prepare Today to Combat Lameness This Grazing Season

Dry conditions that the central and southern plains have been experiencing may lead to increased foot issues. Several issues could be the culprit of cattle lameness, and we will review some of the common causes, including the key differences between clinical signs. It is a good idea to contact your local veterinarian to create a treatment plan for these conditions prior to the grazing season. Footrot is a common disease process that occurs in pastured as well as confined cattle. Footrot is a bacterial infection beneath the skin of the foot that causes obvious lameness even early in the disease process. Upon closer inspection, producers will notice a crack in the skin between the hooves and a foul, pungent odor. Swelling usually starts below the dewclaws on the back of the hoof. As the clinical signs progress, the symmetric swelling will move up the leg and even, in some cases, separate the toes. It is always important to closely inspect symmetric swelling cases. Wire, bale wrap, or other foreign bodies can wrap around and entrap the lower foot, causing very similar symptoms to footrot. If the swelling has a well-demarcated line horizontally across the foot, further investigation is warranted. The entraping foreign body must be removed. The bacteria that cause footrot are normally found in the environment and in the digestive tract of cattle. These pathogens simply need a breakdown or opening in the skin barrier to invade. Producers often think about footrot when the environment is extremely wet. However, chapping and cracked skin between the hooves of cattle often occur during continuously dry conditions. This dry scenario can be true of the upper Great Plains during the cold winter months or drought-filled summers in the South. Other environmental factors affecting the skin integrity can be short abrasive stubble, thorns, rocky or rough ground surface, or even standing in ponds for a long period of time. Thankfully, there are several approved injectable antibiotics available, and treatment is typically very rewarding when treated in the early

stages of the disease. With delayed or late treatment of cases, however, deeper structures of the foot (tendons, joints, and even bone) may become involved. Delayed treatment often requires extended therapy and leads to increased cull rates from the herd. It is important to work with your veterinarian to have a chosen treatment plan as well as follow up. Typical footrot cases begin to show improvement or even resolution within 3 or so days. If improvement hasn't occurred, either a deeper infection has occurred, or another cause could be the culprit.

Single-sided or asymmetric swelling of the foot often indicates a more serious condition in cattle. This type of clinical sign is often the result of deep structural issues. Puncture wounds, sole abscesses, stone bruises, or chronic infections can cause joint, bone, or tendon infections. Single or multiple joint swelling with lameness can also be observed. In calves, this is often the result of septic arthritis. This is a bacterial infection of the joints. It is not uncommon to see this condition a week to 10 days following a bout of respiratory disease with some pathogens as well. Even with appropriate treatment, the inflammation in the joint often takes several weeks to resorb back into the body. Joint swelling in mature animals can also occur. Many times, this is a result of an orthopedic breakdown. Torn cruciate ligaments in the stifles of breeding bulls, or hock damage from riding activity, are examples of these conditions.

Obvious lameness to one or more limbs with no noticeable swelling can often be

challenging to diagnose appropriately. One of these conditions is called Hairy Heel Warts, also known as Digital Dermatitis, or Strawberry Footrot. These animals often display obvious lameness and will attempt to walk on the “tippy toe” of the foot. Upon closer observation, you will notice wart-like growths or bright red scab lesions below the dewclaws and above the heel bulbs of the foot. Topical treatment with an astringent or antibacterial solution is warranted for this condition. The last condition we see more commonly in newly arrived stocker calves is called toe tip necrosis (toe abscesses). These animals often appear with shifting lameness of the back legs. They will usually stand in strange orientations to protect and relieve pressure on the damaged toe. Treatment of these consists of picking up the feet and using hoof testers to confirm the condition. Then the toes are slightly opened with hoof nippers to release the pressure, followed by an injectable antimicrobial treatment. Without opening the toes, healing will not occur. Lameness can be challenging to diagnose in field situations, but understanding the subtle differences will help with proper and timely treatment. Visit with your veterinarian about any non-responsive lameness issues. Further diagnostics and treatment may be indicated.

Thanks to K-State Beef Veterinarian, A.J. Tarpoft, for information on causes of lameness for this grazing season. For further information, contact me at any Post Rock Extension District Offices in Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato, Osborne, or Smith Center.

Obituary

Jay D. Carswell

Jay Deryl Carswell was born May 25, 1968, in Plainville, Kan., the son of Deryl and Wilda (Stockbridge) Carswell. He went to be with the Lord May 2, 2025, doing what he loved, working on the farm in Alton, Kan.

Growing up in Alton, Jay attended Osborne High School and graduated in 1986. He was involved in many activities growing up, being an active member of Osborne County 4-H, FFA, and sports. After high school he attended Colby Community College, where he was a mascot, and may or may not have had some consequences for mooning the crowd at a basketball game. Once graduated from Colby, he continued his studies by earning an Accounting Degree from Kansas State University.

After graduating college, he moved to Wichita, Kan., to work for Koch Industries. It was here that he met his first wife, Stacey (Gondos) Brummer. To this union two children, Jayson and Alyssa, were born. In 1996 Jay moved back to Alton to assist his dad on the family farm. Jay and Stacey later divorced. Jay fully took over the farming operation when his dad passed away in 2007.

Soon after taking over the farm, he met his future wife, Paula. The two struck up a relationship after Jay left his number on a piece of paper for her as she was waitressing at the restaurant in Alton. On January 10, 2009, he married Paula Hendrich in

Alton. He gained two stepdaughters, Rikki and Chloe, through this marriage, who he claimed as his own from the beginning.

Shortly after getting married, Paula started working full-time on the farm with him, and the two were partners in everything ever since. Jay loved farming and cattle, and the two of them worked side by side every day tending to their land and animals with care.

Jay enjoyed traveling, and the beach was one of his favorite places to be. He loved to water ski and was in a Ski Club in his younger days in Wichita. He was also actively involved in Kansas Livestock Association, Kansas Farm Bureau, NRCS, Rural Water District, Osborne County 4-H, along with regularly hosting events for friends and family.

Jay developed a strong relationship to God at the New Covenant Church, Smith Center, Kan. His faith in God and devotion to his family has left a legacy on his wife, children and grand-

children that will last forever.

Jay was preceded in death by his father, Deryl Carswell.

He is survived by his wife, Paula Carswell, Alton; mother, Wilda Carswell, Alton; son, Jayson Carswell, Wichita; three daughters, Alyssa Carswell, Osborne, Rikki (Trevor) Oliver, Osborne, Chloe (A.J.) Grammon, Logan; brother, Darwin Carswell, Alton; two sisters, Janel Burch and Donita Shike both of Osborne and four grandchildren, Kruze, Lexie and Asher Oliver and Ryatt Rosser.

Funeral Services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at New Covenant Smith Center, with Pastor Mike Gooder officiating. The burial took place in the Sumner Cemetery, Alton.

Memorials may be given to the Osborne County 4-H Club and/or New Covenant Church of Smith Center and can be sent in care of the funeral chapel. www.allfaiths-funeralchapel.com

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Portis High School Reunion

Saturday May 24, 2025 * 6 p.m.

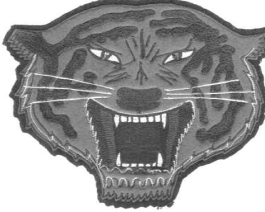
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