**MINUTES**

**LOWER FLORIDA KEYS HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**OCTOBER 7, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Ovide, Mrs. Sterling, Mrs. Swift, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Chambers, Mr.Hammond

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Spottswood, Mr. Muir, and Mr. Toppino

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Fishman, see sign in sheet

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Ovide called the meeting to order at 2:37p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**RECEIPT & DISCUSSION OF FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Mr. Padget presented the report on behalf of the fact-finding committee as Mr. Batty recently stepped down from his position as Chair. Mrs. Hiller is the new Chair but was on vacation. Mr. Padget discussed roughly 10 items that the committee and community have requested be in the new contract. Mr. Padget spoke about the physical plant and the questioned the condition of the hospital. The fact-finding committee also met with Mr. Slavkin from Akerman to provide him with the data and info for the RFP.

**CHIEF OF STAFF: DR. NORRIS**

Dr. Norris stated that the process of selecting a new operator is having a positive effect on the community. Since the last meeting doctors have come forward and requested privileges.

**AKERMAN LAW FIRM: MR. SLAVKIN**

Mr. Slavkin stated they are in the process of drafting the RFP. All of the district board members , contract employees and the fact-finding committee members were given conflict of interest waivers to fill out and return to Akerman, Akkerman suggested using the December 2nd meeting date as a workshop and has recommended that a consultant be engaged in the RFP response and evaluation.

**Mrs. Sterling motioned that the district move forward with obtaining qutainiquotes for inspection of the premises. Mrs. Swift seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Dr. Thompson-YES

Mrs. Swift-YES

Mrs. Ovide-YES

Dr. Chambers-YES

Mr. Toppino-YES

Mrs. Sterling-YES

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further business to come before the District Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17pm.**

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Approved, Secretary Date