

...ECCHD Minutes

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 Minutes of the July 15, 2019, and July 29, 2019, meetings were reviewed. Lanette Fletcher moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Gina McCutchen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
 Lanette Fletcher moved that the 2019 tax rate be set at \$0.350057 per \$100 evaluation, which is the effective tax rate and Gina McCutchen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 Lanette Fletcher moved that the first public hearing be set for Monday, September 9, 2019, at 4 pm and the second public hearing be set for Thursday, September 12, 2019, at 5 pm. Lanette Fletcher seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
 Lanette Fletcher moved that the board acknowledge receipt of the audit and Gina McCutchen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 Lanette Fletcher moved that the board acknowledge receipt of the proposed budget and Lanette Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 Jerita Taylor arrived at the meeting.
 The Director of Nurses' Report was not available since Director of Nurses Georgia Jones was experiencing computer issues and was unable to gather information for the report.
 Ms. Gomez reported that we still need a Director of Nurses, MDS Coordinator, and a CNA for both the day and the night shifts.
 We are obtaining bids for replacement of the call light system and the laundry washer.
 There are several training seminars in the future that she would like for her and some other staff members to attend.
 Mr. Mathis gave the Chief

Financial Officers Report and distributed Accounts Receivable Aging Reports, as well as Financial Statements through July 31.
 The board reviewed the bank statements, petty cash reconciliation, and the credit card statement.
 The board reviewed all the bills that have been paid.
 The board took a brief recess at 5:43 pm.
 The board moved to executive session at 6:03 pm and returned to regular session at 6:41 pm.
 Mr. Orlando Puig, BNB Tennyson Solar LLC representative, discussed the tax abatement agreement and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program, 'PILOT' for short. They are offering \$243.30/MG x 150 Megawatt capacity per year for the first ten (10) years or \$36,495/year for 10 years. Mr. Puig gave the board a sample of the 'Guidelines and Criteria' that will need to be typed by the board and approved. He also gave sample letters and the additional information needed to go forward with the tax abatement.
 The East Coke County Hospital District board will meet August 29 at 5 pm to continue the process to approve the tax abatement agreement with BNB Tennyson Solar. President Baker will work on getting the letters to each of the taxing districts in East Coke County and Lanette Fletcher will work on typing the guidelines and criteria.
 Mr. Puig exited the meeting.
 The board returned to executive session at 7:25 pm and returned to regular session at 7:31 pm. Jerita Taylor moved that the meeting be adjourned since there were no executive items to take action on. Gina McCutchen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.
August 29, 2019
 The East Coke County

Hospital District Board of Directors met for a public hearing concerning the proposed tax abatement for BNB Tennyson Solar LLC on Thursday, August 29, 2019, at 5 pm in the business office of Bronte Health and Rehab Center. President Howard Baker presided over the meeting. Other board members present were Everett Bedford, Lanette Fletcher, and Gina McCutchen. Business Office Manager Fran Sonnenberg was also present.

Jerita Taylor was absent. The meeting was called to order at 5 pm by President Baker. A quorum was established. Prayer was led by Everett Bedford. There were no public comments. Gina McCutchen moved that the board acknowledge receipt of and accept the application for tax abatement. Lanette Fletcher seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Everett Bedford moved that

the board approve the application guidelines and criteria and was seconded by Gina McCutchen. The motion carried unanimously. Everett Bedford moved that the tax abatement agreement be approved and was seconded by Gina McCutchen. The motion carried unanimously. Lanette Fletcher moved that the meeting be adjourned and was seconded by Gina McCutchen. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.

From field to fabric

by Jessica Domel
 Take a drive through Texas this time of year and you're bound to find a field or two of white, fluffy cotton. It's an economic staple in Texas, and we're the top cotton-producing state! Cotton undergoes an amazing transformation to get from fields to our homes. First, it's not just used for our favorite fabric. Cottonseed can be processed into a meal that cattle like to eat. It can also be used to create a cooking oil. Like potato chips or mayonnaise? Check the ingredients label. Chances are, it has cottonseed oil in it. Although there are many uses for cotton, it's perhaps best

known for its use in clothing items like T-shirts and blue jeans. It takes quite a transformation to turn a white, fluffy cotton boll into a soft pair of jeans. First, the cotton must be stripped or picked out of the field. Both machines, although different, remove the cotton from its woody-like plant in the field. It's then rolled into a round bale like hay or it's formed into a large, loaf-like module to make transporting large quantities of cotton easier. When cotton modules or bales arrive at a cotton gin, they're taken apart. The cotton is then dried and cleaned. Cottonseed and the fiber are

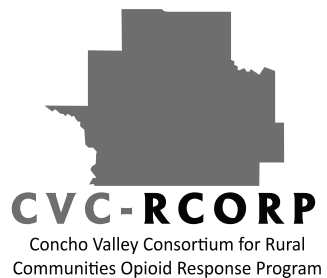
then mechanically separated. The seed is then sent on to be processed into oil or meal and used in foods, cosmetics and more. The fiber then takes an extra journey to a mill where it can be woven into the cloth used to make our sheets, towels and other products. Fabrics then head to warehouses, shipping companies, textile manufacturers and eventually to retailers where you'll buy your new favorite shirt. Did you know: one bale of cotton can make:
 • 215 jeans
 • 249 bed sheets
 • 690 Terry bath towels or
 • 1,256 pillow cases.
 Texas cotton makes quite a transformation from the fluffy bolls in the field to our favorite clothing, but it's a process that's well worth the wait.

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The Concho Valley Consortium is conducting a survey to research the gaps in opioid abuse services, as well as opportunities to support prevention, treatment and recovery from opioid addiction in the Concho Valley. A primary goal of the project is to include the voices of community members. All participants who provide their email address after completing the survey will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card. To fill out the survey please visit: www.cvcrcorp.org

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