

Woodhead looks forward to serving EPCHD board

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“We’re pretty fortunate to have a facility like that here,” Mike (Woody) Woodhead said referring to Melissa Memorial Hospital.

Woodhead was appointed by East Phillips County Hospital District board members during their Aug. 27 meeting.

Woodhead will serve the remainder of Steve Deaver’s term who resigned from the seat July 24. The term will end in 2014.

The newest board member was a little surprised he was the only person to submit a letter of intent, but now that he has been appointed, he is ready to step up to the plate.

“It’s going to be a challenge I’m sure,” Woodhead said. “It’s going to be interesting and take a commitment.”

Woodhead graduated from high school in Grant, Neb. and then entered the workforce in the center pivot industry. In April of 1997, he opened Woody’s Pivot Service in Holyoke and has kept the business growing ever since. In 2001 he purchased Magnum Manufacturing. Last August, he incorporated equipment rental as part of his business.

He hopes his philosophy of expanding and growing will carry over to his time spent on the EPCHD board.

He will be willing to listen to comments from anyone concerning the hospital. “The facility is here for the community and people outside the community,” Woodhead said. He noted things don’t change or happen unless the community voices its opinion and offers ideas.

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Woodhead has been a Phillips County Fair Board member but plans to step down as he takes on the hospital board venture. He said he will still help out with the fair board as time allows. He has also helped coach Holyoke youngsters in the past.

Woodhead has a son, Jarrett, who is in seventh grade.

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