

**THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 10th OF FEBRUARY 2021 AT 608 HEBER AVE. CALEXICO, CA. CITY OF CALEXICO ON THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED OR THE HOLDING OF SAID MEETING.**

**TO CALL ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. by Gloria Grijalva Valdez and led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:**

Chairperson	Gloria Grijalva
Vice Chairperson	Norma M. Apodaca
Chief Financial	Rodolfo Valdez
Secretary	Raul R. Urena
Trustee	Hector Martinez

**GUESTS:**

Tomas Virgen-Executive District Manager  
Tony Pimentel-Public Relations

**PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE:**

Eduardo Rivera-Attorney  
Brenda Ryan-Board Clerk

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca second by Board Member Martinez to approve the agenda for February 10, 2021. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena, Martinez  
NOES: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:**

Jose Ramirez requesting for some type of communication like social media. Some more outreach for the community to understand what is going on and he would like to see more of that. More outreach, Facebook, social media and things like that.

**REPORTS ON MEETING AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY DIRECTORS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE AT UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS/DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

Board Member Valdez reported that they just did a walk-thru 400 Mary site. They are doing demo and they did most of the demo in the garage on the east side and the sidewalk. They will start tomorrow in the inside.

## **REPORTS BY ALL HMHD COMMITTEES**

None

## **COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL**

Mr. Pimentel reported that COVID testing at the One Stop Center from 11am-7pm. Mr. Escobar sent everyone a report of the county on how many vaccines have been received on first and second dose and how many are going to be coming out soon.

## **COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT MANAGER:**

Mr. Virgen reported that there is a LAFCO meeting this month and Mr. Rivera and he will be attending that meeting. They do have a copy of the letter that was sent earlier in December and the response and we want to be there in case they have any questions.

## **COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:**

Mr. Rivera reported that they board should of received the election certificate. We need the signatures and then we can have the judge sign we can get you all copies for your own record. The other item he had is he checked with the election department and for whatever reason because of the transition Mrs. Porter to the newly appointed recorder the 700 conflict of interest forms have now been mailed out. What he read online with the election department is that what they have online for us to download as for last fiscal year without the current fiscal year on 2021. He is going to work on them to make sure the board has them. We have an April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Discussion and/or Action: Approval of contract with Tony Pimentel for District public relations services as an Independent Contractor.

Mr. Virgen reported that everyone should have gotten a couple at the last meeting. He is proposing that we go with last year's agreements with the following changes: Instead of a 1 year agreement we make it a 2 year agreement and additional the new services he will be covering managing Facebook because we do need to get a social media. We will discuss that down the road under the topic. Also increase the salary to \$2,800.00 a month.

Mr. Rivera informed that it would need to be approved effective as of February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Board Member Urena questioned why does the contract need to be for 2 years instead of 1 year and Mr. Virgen replied that it was a good question and the reason is job security not only for him but for us. We are securing him for 2 years but it is securing us the job. One year contracts are insecure and say a lot of the organization and more than anything it is stability. We will be moving this year to another site and a lot of changes are going to be made and would like to stick to things until we need to make a change and that is why he proposed 2 years. Board Member Urena is okay with the contract and everything but not with the 2 years. He would like the 1 year and then review it and then next year we can increase it.

Mr. Rivera would like to board know that whatever action they take on this agreement. The agreement contains a 30 day termination clause. Keep that in mind in whatever decision the board wishes to make.

Board Member Martinez agrees with Mr. Virgen on his recommendation of job security. The only concern he has was that he wants Heffernan Memorial to go into social media. However the item is at the end and he does not know how the board feels about that and in case that we do approve Mr. Pimentel's contract and then board for some reason turns down the social media then it would be a no for him. He does not know how the rest of the board feels about that.

The board decided to move down to item E before taking any action on item A.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Martinez to approve Tony Pimentel's contract as proposed by Mr. Virgen for 2 years with the increase to \$2,800 a month effective February 1, 2021. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena, Martinez

NOES: None

2. Discussion and/or Action: Report on Covid19 committee meeting held at Calexico City Hall.

Board Member Grijalva reported that she attended the meeting and basically the city is the one that started the committee. We are discussing how we can help our community and how to let them know where there is going to be COVID-19 sites and as of right now the county is the one in charge of everything. As far as the vaccines we still do not know yet.

3. Discussion and/or Action: Setting of date for Heffernan Memorial Board of Directors' workshop (Governance, District Strategic Plan and other topics).

Mr. Virgen would like to have that meeting at the beginning of next month. We can use up one of regular meeting times.

The board agreed to have the workshop the first meeting of March.

4. Discussion and/or Action: Refer to Planning Committee: Organization of Heffernan Memorial district doctors and other healthcare organizations meeting for healthcare concerns of the City of Calexico and the healthcare district.

Mr. Virgen reported that we have had a couple of phone calls with the doctors this weekend. Now he doesn't know if the board wants to do a quarterly or monthly zoom and just invite them and if they can call in or not at least something that we can have a good relationship with them.

Board Member Grijalva suggested going ahead and planning it.

All board members agreed to give Mr. Virgen direction to plan meeting.

5. Discussion and/or Action: Possible establishment of Heffernan Memorial social media venues.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Valdez to approve establishment of Heffernan Memorial social media venues. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena, Martinez

NOES: None

The Board moved back to letter A.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

No items

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no future business to discuss Board Member Valdez made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Second by Board Member Apodaca. All in favor.