

**THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 11th OF MARCH 2020 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 Rodolfo Valdez and led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:**

Chairperson	Rodolfo Valdez
Vice Chairperson	Gloria Grijalva
Secretary	Hector Martinez
Chief Financial	Norma M. Apodaca
Trustee	Gloria G. Romo

**GUESTS:**

Tomas Virgen-Executive District Manager  
Eduardo Rivera- Attorney  
Brenda Ryan-Board Clerk  
Tony Pimentel-Public Relations

**ABSENT:**

Hector Martinez-Secretary

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Board Member Romo second by Board Member Apodaca to approve the agenda for March 11, 2020. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Grijalva, Apodaca, Romo

NOES: None

**CLOSED SESSION:**

The board unanimously approved to modify the 400 Mary plan by 12 hundred square feet fraction at a cost of seven hundred thousand dollars. It will be brought back at the next meeting for formal discussion and approval.

The board gave direction to the Executive Director on another trade secret.

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:**

Helen Vindiola and Liz Gonzalez from Sure Helpline Center in El Centro are here to award Gloria Grijalva with a leadership letter awarding her for her work in the community. The award she will be receiving will be a part of the GALA, which will be April 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

Board Member Apodaca reported that they attended the conference in San Diego. It was a great conference and very informative. It was many day but well worth it.

Board Member Romo reported that she also attended the conference in San Diego and agrees with Mrs. Apodaca.

Board Member Grijalva also attended the conference. They learned which way the hospitals are headed for and more of keeping patients at home then in the hospitals. They had a little introduction of the coronavirus. She also attended with the city of Calexico and school district regarding the corona virus.

Board Member Valdez reported that he also the conference in San Diego. They talked about governance, team building and best practices for the patients. He also attended the meeting with the school district and city officials. He also went with Mr. Virgen and Mr. Pimentel to a meeting on the new river Salton Sea tour. There was a representative from the governor's office, from the office of Ben Hueso, Eduardo Garcia and different county agencies. They were showing the representative from the governor's office the problems that we have in our community in the valley with the new river and Salton Sea.

**REPORTS BY ALL HMHD COMMITTEES**

Mr. Virgen is requesting for governance and finance to meet.

**COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL**

Mr. Pimentel reported that today he was contacted by the school district for the emergency meeting they had with the city officials. He contacted Mr. Virgen, the president and vice-president. He attended the 1pm meeting at the city. The fire department, police, school district officials, superintendent, other superintendents and everybody was there attended this meeting. The scenario they presented was an "if" in case something bad were to happen because the city does not have the resources or the personal. The fire department only has 24 people working 3 shifts and with only 2 ambulances. The police department only has about 40 people working. They did say they will have the help of the board patrol. The idea is more about the panic of the people they are getting prepared for. They are thinking of worst case scenario.

**COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT MANAGER:**

Mr. Virgen reported that the meeting with LAFCO got moved to March 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Virgen went ahead and gave them the financial report that we had because they were waiting so long for it and once we approve that report tonight he will be sending them the approved report. He did inform them that is was a draft not a final one. He provided the board with a letter and the reason why he had given the board that letter is because they have talked before about the new river event that Mr. Valdez, Mr. Pimentel and himself attended too and it was a tour. As you are aware the county is going to get 18 million dollars to clean up the new river. There is a sense of urgency in getting the money because the money is not here yet and what happens when there is an emergency, well none emergency take the back seat. Now his concern is

that if this corona virus continues and they believe that this is a true emergency those funds might get delayed quite a bit of time. What we had discussed here is that it would be of interest to hire a consultant that we would start the process because nobody has a plan on how to get the money or what to do with the money and how to manage the money. They went to the new river and saw it and believe it or not the city of Calexico is going to build a water tank right next to where the old Vons was at. What we were thinking at some point during discussions at committees he believes was nobody is taking charge of it and nobody has a plan. When the money comes in what is going to happen? He can assure you that it is going to go in different directions and nothing is going to get done. He thought wouldn't it be great if Heffernan would take a lead because this is an environment that affects health and we hire the consultant and we get everybody to sit on the same table. So before we bring it as a formal discussion here why not go to LAFCO and find out if this would be ok and that's the letter before you. The black and white part of him says this is a long shot because this is a county problem. The other side of him says wouldn't it be great for Heffernan to take this step because we are community who watches out for healthcare and it will be us who will facilitate everything and have our own seat at the table because we are the healthcare district.

**COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:**

None

**INFORMATIN ITEMS:**

1. Presentation/Report on Pro-Active Program

Mr. Valdez reported that we were going to have a presentation by a representative from Pro-Active but he is ill with the flu and we sent him home but he did leave the presentation for the board to read.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Discussion and/or action: FY 2018-2019 audit update.

Mr. Rivera informed the board that they can go ahead and except the report but he did find some errors on the back. For some reason he made a mistake on the term of directors. Mr. Rivera had sent Mr. Woo some corrections that needed to be made but those changes were not made. These changes have to be made. There are dates that are not correct and need to be changed. Mr. Rivera will inform Mr. Woo about these errors. Once the correction is done it will be brought back to the board with the corrections. Mr. Rivera informed the board that they can adopt the audit with modifications and then we will bring it back once corrections have been made.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Romo to adopt the FY 2018-2019 with modifications. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Valdez, Grijalva, Apodaca, Romo

NOES: None

2. Discussion and/or action: Presentation on 400 Mary Ave.

Mr. Virgen presented plans for the building. As soon as the board approves the model he will be able to start getting the permits ready.

Mr. Rivera informed the board that they have given direction to Mr. Virgen to go ahead and contact the architect and proceed with the modification of \$750 thousand additional expense square footage and we will bring you whatever paperwork we need to show that. You have already approved that so Mr. Virgen can get going tomorrow with the notification.

Board Member Valdez informed the board that this item 13b has been approved and direction was given to the Executive Director to go ahead with the modification in the amount of \$750 thousand dollars for an extra couple hundred square feet and we will come back the next meeting to ratify.

Mr. Virgen to report to the board that there is a lot of things and are mostly junk in that building that need to be declared surplus and he already spoke to Mr. Rivera about getting that done. He can give them a list but reality everything is really old and trash and he would like to declare that surplus. Mr. Rivera informed Mr. Virgen that if it's just trash he does not need to come to the board he can just throw it away. If there is anything he believes has minimal value well that we can declare that surplus but that would be after he does the inventory. But if Mr. Virgen feels that nothing there is worth wild we do not need to declare a surplus we can just get rid of it because its trash.

Direction was given to Mr. Virgen to look into security for the building.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

Finance to meet for next year's budget.

Governance meeting

400 Mary ratification of changes

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no future business to discuss Board Member Romo made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Second by Board Member Apodaca. All in favor.