

**THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 19th OF JULY 2023 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 5:34p.m. by Sylvia Bernal and Raul Urena led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:**

Chairperson	Rodolfo Valdez
Vice Chairperson	Sylvia Bernal
Secretary	Raul R. Urena
Treasurer	Paloma Sanchez
Trustee	Adriana Armendariz

**GUESTS:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal second by Board Member Urena to approve the agenda for July 19, 2023. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a. Approve minutes for meetings of June 14, 2023 and June 22, 2023.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal and seconded by Board Member Armendariz to approve the minutes for June 14, 2023 and June22, 2023. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Ureña, Sánchez, Armendáriz

NOES: None

- b. Approve Treasurer Report.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal and seconded by Board Member Armendariz to approve the Treasurer Report. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Ureña, Sánchez, Armendáriz

NOES: None

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

Board Member Armendariz commented that last City Council meeting there was a report Heffernan that Mr. Virgen did. She would like that when there are presentations or reports us as board members should know about it. She did not know until she walked in that Heffernan was on the agenda until she saw Mr. Hernandez and he told her. She felt really uncomfortable not knowing. She thinks that as a board we should know even though if the President was there and that would be our option if we want to go or if we don't want to go. She felt really uncomfortable not know and we are official's and we should act like officials. This is her option and please in the future any meetings or anything please let us know.

Board Member Sanchez agrees with Board Member Armendariz in have that communication as a board that way board members do not feel out of the blue.

Mr. Virgen clarified that Heffernan was not there to report on Heffernan. He was there to support 918 with Guillermo because they called them for a 918 report. He was there in case they had any questions on the 918. There was no report on Heffernan.

**REPORTS BY ALL HMHD COMMITTEES**

None

**COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL**

Mr. Pimentel presented an update video report on work being done on 400 Mary Ave.

**COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT MANAGER:**

Mr. Virgen reported that he has been in contact with California Consultant and they are helping with finding grants for Calexico that we can apply for. Board Member Sanchez and he are looking over the list they have provided and will hopefully get back to them next week.

**COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:**

None

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Discussion and/or Action: Status report on AB 918 amendments.

Mr. Virgen reported that he sent a copy of the latest AB 918 amendment for the board to review.

Board Member Valdez informed the board that personally he is opposed to Pioneers expanding. He thinks the bill and made it clear before that we are in favor of new healthcare system. That's his personal opinion.

- b. Discussion and/or Action: Update on 400 Mary modernization project.

A video was presented on the work that was done the last 2 weeks. We are still on track for November 1<sup>st</sup>.

- c. Presentation: Mental Health video.

Board Member Urena reported that a reporter from KYMA is helping him create some news reports about mental health. She created one about all the health services and now she is going to create individual ones. This video is about all the services that they have.

The news report was presented to the board.

- d. Discussion and/or Action: Appointment to Imperial County AAA board of directors from HMHD.

Board Member Urena informed the board that at this moment he has a lot going on and will not be able to attend.

Motion was made by Board Member Armendariz second by Board Member Urena to appoint Board Member Bernal to Imperial County AAA board of directors from HMHD. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

- e. Discussion and/or Action: Update of HMHD's health fair for November 2023. Location and other participants to be determined.

Board Member Bernal reported that they got the Calexico Football field for the health fair at no cost for October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was made by Board Member Sanchez second by Board Member Armendariz to approve the date October 28<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

- f. Discussion and/or Action: Review of HMHD's grant applications received after public notice of Requests for Proposals.

The board received 2 grant applications from Dr. Vo and Sure Helpline Center.

The board would like to review the applications more and have a special meeting to discuss.

Motion was made by Board Member Urena second by Board Member Armendariz to table this item and have a special meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz  
NOES: None

- g. Discussion and/or Action: General information of what is a Forensic Audit, its purpose and examination of financial records.

Board Member Armendariz is requesting this for a detail audit.

Mr. Rivera explained that a forensic audit is basically to be used in litigation or in a situation where there is a suspicion of some type of irregularity. It is easy to say a forensic audit but a forensic audit is very subject and detailed and very expensive.

Board Member Valdez asked Mr. Rivera to explain what type of litigation is he referring to and Mr. Rivera explained that litigation is some type of fraud, some type of irregularity and we have to have some type of reason to have a forensic audit.

Board Member Armendariz is looking for a more detailed audit report. Board Member Valdez recommended that we can get our accountant to come in and go over any questions or concerns. Board Member Armendariz is requesting for a more detail report on backup of the financials. Board Member Bernal informed Board Member Armendariz that she can request that information from Rosario every month or can contact the Treasurer for any concerns.

Board Member Armendariz will not request a forensic audit but will request monthly backup of the financials.

No action taken on this item

- h. Discussion and/or Action: Review and consideration of costs for transmitting HMHD's board meeting via Facebook or other media outlets.

Motion was made by Board Member Armendariz second by Board Member Urena to record the meetings and upload them on our website.

Board Member Bernal suggested taking in consideration that we have someone on the board going through a difficult time and thinks we should take that in consideration and bring this back to discuss maybe in 3 months when things calm down.

The board will respect that and will bring this back for discussion.

Motion was made by Board Member Armendariz second by Board Member Urena to table this item and bring back in three months. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz  
NOES: None

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

Mega Park  
LAFCO presentation  
Health Fair update

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no future business to discuss Board Member Sanchez made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47p.m. Second by Board Member Bernal. All in favor.