

**THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 13th OF JANUARY 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 Grijlva 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 Martinez second by Board Member Apodaca to approve the agenda for January 13, 2021. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:**

Raul Urena is part of the COVID committee for the City of Calexico. He thanked the Board of Directors and is very grateful for the work of Heffernan Memorial and not just for the work during the pandemic but the way Heffernan Memorial and Mr. Virgen has helped their committee navigate a lot of logistical and commination challenges that they face with the community. He hopes that the district continues to be apart officially of the Calexico COVID committee. Working together this community brings to the table a direct link to the community that for a long time has been missing. He is very excited that after this pandemic and after we have collaborated amongst ourselves and with the county we will be better set to handle health challenges that our community has put on pause after COVID. He really hopes for the districts support and hopes the board elects two of their members to join the COVID committee for Calexico.

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

None.

**REPORTS BY ALL HMHD COMMITTEES**

Mr. Virgen reported that the majority of committee meeting is the agenda committee for review.

**COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL**

Mr. Pimentel reported that on Friday the county started doing the COVID testing here at the theater.

**COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT MANAGER:**

None

**COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:**

None

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Discussion and/or Action: Grant Applicants for Heffernan Memorial's Request for Proposal presentations of their proposals to the Board of Directors which will be limited to 5 minutes.

Each grant applicant proposal listed below gave a 5 minute brief presentation of their proposal.

- Proactive
- Dr. Vo
- Wellness 4 Kids
- Hosanna Foundation
- Rosa's Plain Food Restaurant

Mr. Virgen recommended to the board to take all the information home and review and let's try and have a decision by next week.

2. Discussion and/or Action: Proposed amendment of Article 5.1 of the Amended and Restated By-laws of the Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District providing for a term of two (2) years for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Directors, and to establish the office of the Past President, to become effective upon the determination of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Virgen explained to the board that in the past for most positions at least in other boards that he has worked with they always try to do a 2 year terms for many reasons. Number one is the time and preparation it takes to get somebody ready and it takes rule something out. This is something he had brought up when he first came on board. The pro's about this is you get a more season person because you get to train the next person over and the person exciting the behind to learn the system. The con about it is that people say is that they want to be president and they may not be president. Those are the pros and cons about it but believe it or not it is a lot more work than people realize. He just wants the board to know that it will be a lot easier logistically if we have a 2 year term not that it has to be but he just wants to kind of point in that direction. We

started talking about this back when Mrs. Romo was president and for some reason we pushed it out.

Board Member Apodaca disagrees with the 2 year term. Her personal opinion prefers the 1 year term to provide and experience for each board member. She prefers to continue the way we are already doing it.

Mr. Rivera informed the board that this is only a policy decision. Now if the board decides as a policy matter to increase to a 2 year terms that is something for the majority of the board to decide. We have some information as to what the 2 year term would be for each office.

Board Member Urena believes this is good but he would like to go with the 1 year term but let's say if Mrs. Grijalva is working on something that is very important and is something that needs to be done and needs next year to be completed we can vote to re-elect Mrs. Grijalva to continue. He prefers to stay 1 year and if it is needed for the president to stay we can re-elect that president again.

Board Member Valdez expressed that, which is the reason why we are looking at or favoring the 2 year term because of continuations and certain projects or items that we need to continue as president and we are not able to do it. The 2 year term has been in our thoughts for about 2-3 years and he thinks it is a good time to start this year because we have been postponing for quite some time.

Mr. Virgen informed the board that they have to be very clear in the by-laws. Now you can take a vote on this now or take 2 weeks to think about it and bring it back but at the end of the day we need to address both issues. Is it just the next person or should it be allowed to a vote because he thinks those are 2 different things and need to be clear in the by-laws.

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez and second by Board Member Urena to Amend Article 5.1 of the Amended and Restated By-laws of the Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District provided for a term of 2 years for president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of the board of directors. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Valdez

NOES: Apodaca, Urena, Martinez

Motion does not pass.

3. Discussion and/or Action: Proposed addition of section 5.6 to Article 5 of the Amended and Restated By-laws of the Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District establishing the duties of the Past President as follows:
  - 5.6 Duties of Past President.
  - 5.6.1 The Past President shall provide assistance, information and any other assistance to the President of the Board in her/his role in performing the responsibilities of the President of the Board of Directors.

Board Member Apodaca suggests that in regards of the duties of past presidents it would be good to see it and review it but should be reviewed and could be amended to increase or decrease depending on the situation.

Board Member Martinez thinks that it is okay for the past president to be there for the new president to provide assistance and training along with the board manager as well.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve this proposal. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena, Martinez.

NOES: None

4. Discussion and/or Action: Naming of Board Members to Heffernan Memorial standing committees.

President Gijalva recommends the following:

Agenda Committee: Gloria Grijalva and Norma Apodaca

Planning Committee: Rodolfo Valdez and Raul Urena

Finance Committee: Gloria Grijalva and Rodolfo Valdez (Norma Apodaca as alternate)

Governance Committee: Gloria Grijalva and Norma Apodaca

Marketing Personal: Gloria Grijalva and Raul Urena

Scholarship: Norma Apodaca and Hector Martinez

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve making those changes. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena, Martinez

NOES: None

5. Discussion and/or Action: Status on Covid-19 coordination with other health agencies and public entities.

Mr. Virgen presented a report to the board on the coordination with other health agencies.

He also informed the board that the COVID committee would like to have 2 members of the district to join the committee.

Board Member Urena suggested having Mr. Martinez and Mrs. Grijalva for the COVID committee. All board members are in agreement with Mr. Urena's suggestion.

6. Discussion and/or Action: Status report on City of Calexico and Heffernan Memorial staff meeting of January 6, 2021.

Mr. Virgen reported that they wanted an update on what we are doing and wanted us to take over certain functions which we did not commit to anything. Mr. Virgen was there and was able to educate them and he told them that they want everyone to see positive things coming out of us and we need to work together and support each other.

7. Discussion and/or Action: Status on 400 Mary Modernization

Mr. Virgen reported that for about 3-4 weeks ago the building is under total control of Mitchel Builders. They have the keys and it is now their responsibility and they are working on the permit process and as soon that is done they will start working on that building so we are still on track.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

Work Session Date

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no future business to discuss Board Member Apodaca made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Second by Board Member Valdez. All in favor.