

THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 6th OF SEPTEMBER 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 5:30p.m. by Rodolfo Valdez and 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 September 9, 2023. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

CLOSED SESSION:

Direction was given to Legal Counsel and Executive Director in closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Approve minutes for meetings of July 19, 2023 special meeting and July 19, 2023 regular meeting, July 31, 2023 and August 14, 2023.
- b. Approve Treasurer Report.

Board Member Armendariz did get the back up. She requested it yesterday by email and did not get a response from the email. She sent a text to Mr. Virgen and did not get response. I called him and he did tell her that she would be getting the backup at the meeting. She will

be continuing to ask for the backup for questions she has concerns. Either to be sent to me by emails or she can come and pick it up.

Mr. Virgen informed the board that they can do whatever they want but when you start taking documents out of the office it's a concern whether it's by email or taking the documents. It would be nice and he recommended coming to the office and spending a little time and that way when you are done with them you can shred them.

Board Member Armendariz informed the board that she will be coming in an hour before the meetings.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal and seconded by Board Member Urena to approve the minutes and treasurer report. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Ureña, Sánchez,
NOES: None
UBSTAIN: Armendariz

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

Board Member Sanchez met through a zoom meeting with Giselle to discuss helping us with grants. They reviewed options on grants we can apply for. That is something she can bring back to the consultant to discuss. They also did say that they can provide us with a support letter however we already need to have a grant that we can apply for.

Board Member Bernal informed the board that last year we had a Christmas project. We gathered 75 children to give gifts to for Christmas and had this event at the Community Center. Heffernan raised \$12 thousand dollars and we did not put in one penny. She would like to do this event again this year.

Board Member Urena reported that he attended a Mental Health meeting last month. They reported that they secured a grant for rehabilitation house. It is going to have about 20 beds. This is going to be in El Centro.

REPORTS BY ALL HMHD COMMITTEES

Board Member Urena reported that the marketing committee met and discussed the Health Fair that will be on October 28th. Tony made the form. We spoke about ordering the chairs, table and canopy's. We ordered the give always that the board had already proved.

COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL

Mr. Pimentel presented the form participation that is going to be given out for the Health Fair participation. He also reported that he talked to the Health Department about the vaccines and they said it was going to be very difficult to get them. Mr. Virgen reported to the board that the Health Department cannot guarantee that the vaccines are going to be available. Since COVID things have been out of whack. They will be looking into that. We are sending a flyer with every child through the school district.

Mr. Pimentel presented a video of an update on 400 Mary Ave.

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT MANAGER:

Mr. Virgen presented to the board the rates for the grants. He will start working with them and put this item on the next agenda. He also reported that there was a 918 meeting and a few weeks ago we said that we were going to expand the districts and if you give me direction and we did not take action we gave direction and he had said that the only reason they were going to expand the districts and accept it is because we are going to lose money well it turns out that legal from assembly the governments attorney said that's not true. The truth is we can pass up this bill that all the licenses in the billing etc. are grant products to the new district. So they are going to put that in there. The only negative thing was that Medicare is federal and Assemblyman Garcia said that everyone on both sides agreed that if we do this number one we have a year a three months to get that approved but they will lean on the funds from the feds side to help us make an easy transition and gives us priority.

COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Discussion and/or Action: Update of HMHD's health: October 28, 2023.

Update was given under Public Relations Tony Pimentel's comments.

- b. Discussion and/or Action: Approve Sure Helpline Center grant agreement.
 1. Presentation of Grant to Sure Helpline Center.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal second by Board Member Urena to approve the \$25 thousand dollar grant for Sure Helpline Center. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

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

- c. Discussion and/or Action: Approve and authorize HMHD donation letter to community business organizations and other agencies.

Motion was made by Board Member Urena second by Board Member Armendariz to approve and authorize HMHD donation letter to community business organizations and other agencies. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

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

- d. Discussion and/or Action: Update on HMHD's submittals to LAFCO (SAP/MSA) and other requested information.

Mr. Virgen reported to the board that it is getting finalized and will be sent to LAFCO. LAFCO will be getting it first and then will be sent to the board.

- e. Discussion and/or Action: Review of Independent Contractors Agreements.

No action taken. The item will be tabled for the next board meeting.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Gift donation for X-mas

Grant Proposal California Consulting

Closed Session

Independent contracts.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no future business to discuss Board Member Armendariz made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05p.m. Second by Board Member Urena. All in favor.