

THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 8th OF FEBRUARY 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 February 8, 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 January 11, 2023.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal and seconded by Board Member Armendariz to approve the minutes for January 11, 2023. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

- b. Approve Treasurer Report

Board member Armendariz informed the board that she had requested some backup information which she did receive and those expenses were meals and as she received

this back up she is concerned. In October there was a total amount of \$1,116, September there was a total of \$1,200. She does not think that meals are necessary to provide to the board members. We do receive stipends and thinks that stipend should be enough. We only meet once a month and this is too much money on meals for board members. She understands that other boards like City Council, School Boards and IVC Board of Trustee do not provide meal and she would like to not see that expense.

Board Member Urena suggested to Board Member Armendariz to have that item be placed on the agenda to discuss.

Mr. Virgen commented that it would be a board decision. In the past we would have special meetings and we have committees that meet on and off and it is pretty standard. At times we do provide meals because we have board members that don't take breaks. If the board wants to take action on that it would need to be an item on the agenda for the board to discuss.

Board Member Sanchez requested to get a monthly detailed report of the treasurer report. This item will be added to the agenda to discuss.

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

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

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

Board Member Urena reported that he attended the Mental Health Advisory Board. He reported there was a seat for the city of El Centro and he was told that it was a good idea to have someone from the LGTB Center to take that seat and he invited Rosa Diaz and she was very happy to be there and she was told how to apply and once she completes that she will be taking that seat. He also reported that they have a seat for Veteran advocate.

Board Member Bernal reported that with the issue going on with the hospital they had a meeting at IVC. The Supervisors are the ones that held this meeting. We had Pioneers Hospital, El Central Regional, Health Department, someone who is in charge of the ambulance, 5 doctors and it went really well. There was a lot of resource that they were not aware that was going on and this was really good because the public wanted to know what was going on with the hospital and our questions were answered. Also they had a meeting with LAFCO to see what they thought of all this and having all three districts come together.

Board Member Valdez reported that he also attended the LAFCO meeting by zoom and he also reported that he went by 400 Mary and there has been a lot of process and would like a report from the contractors at our next meeting.

REPORTS BY ALL HMHD COMMITTEES

Board Member Urena reported that the Marketing committee met to discuss on how we can inform the community about the problems with the hospital. As soon as they have a plan they are going to bring it back to the board.

COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL

Mr. Pimentel informed the board that they worked on the new form for the scholarships. He presented to the board a video promoting the scholarships the district is offering to the students.

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT MANAGER:

None

COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Presentation: Ryan E. Kelly, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Imperial: Imperial County Health Care Issues and Regional/Countywide Health Care Discussions.

Mr. Kelly gave a brief update on the Imperial County Health Care issues and Regional/County Healthcare. He explained that there has been conversation that they have been trying to incorporate around the idea of creating a countywide health district. They did join with LAFCO and had a series of questions that they needed to know about timelines, requirements to go through LAFCO. He shared with Mr. Virgen that the action the county took yesterday was we authorized up to two hundred thousand dollars for financial feasibility study out of community benefit funds of the county to have this study which LAFCO requires to be able to take action and review. LAFCO will first have to approve a creation of a countywide district to move forward with the process.

- b. Discussion and/or Action: Adoption and Ratification of Heffernan Memorial's fiscal year (21/22) audit.

Mr. Virgen informed the board that the only recommendation that was made was that every expenditure made we write who attended the meeting and what was discussed.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal second by Board Member Urena to approve the 21-22 fiscal audit report. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

- c. Discussion/Status Report on the establishment of an Ad Hoc committee on HMHD representation on the Imperial County Local Health Authority.

Board Member Virgen suggested that with all the trouble we have been having with the health issues we should table this item for a later date.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal second by Board Member Sanchez to table this item. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

- d. Discussion and/or Action: Report and update on 400 Mary Modernization.
 - 1. Discussion and selection of 400 Mary color scheme for exterior/interior of Urgent Care Clinic building.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal second by Board Member Armendariz to table this item. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

- e. Discussion and/or Action: Presentation on Heffernan Memorial's surplus property and direction to prepare inventory of surplus property.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal second by Board Member Armendariz to approve the surplus property policy. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

- f. Discussion and/or Action: Confirmation of date for Brown Act workshop and presentation.

Board Member Bernal suggested having the workshop on a Wednesday when we do not have a board meeting and have it at 5:30. That way we do not have to give up our weekend

The board members agreed.

Mr. Virgen will have to see when they are available and he will inform the board the availability dates.

Direction was given to Mr. Virgen to get dates for the workshop.

- g. Discussion and/or Action: Scholarship Program status report.

The scholarship committee has not met. They will be meeting soon and will have a report for the next meeting.

- h. Discussion and/or Action: Authorization for Grant money application to the county of Imperial Community Benefits Program for a County of Imperial wide health care district study.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal second by Board Member Urena to approve the authorization for grant money application to the county of Imperial Community

Benefits Program for a County of Imperial wide health care district study. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Meals expenses

Add detail of expenses for the monthly treasurer report

List of inventory for surplus

Itemized monthly report of services provided by Borderline Services

Report by contractor of 400 Mary Ave

All tabled item

ADJOURNMENT:

With no future business to discuss Board Member Armendariz made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37p.m. Second by Board Member Urenda. All in favor.