

THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 10th OF MARCH 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 Grijalva 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
Brenda Ryan-Board Clerk

PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE:

Eduardo Rivera-Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez second by Board Member Urena to approve the agenda for March 10, 2021. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:

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 was approved to be on the Imperial Health Board. He approved on the 2nd by the supervisors.

Board Member Grijavla reported she was approved to be on the triple A board and gets sworn in tomorrow.

Board Member Apodaca reported that she attended the event that was conducted by Dr. Vo last Wednesday and Mr. Urena was there also helping them.

REPORTS BY ALL HMHD COMMITTEES

None

COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL

Mr. Pimentel reported that today the COVID testing was at the One Stop Center from 7am-7pm and this Friday they are going to be at the Esquer building from 7am-7pm.

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT MANAGER:

Mr. Virgen will save his comments for each individual item.

COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and/or Action: Approval of Grant Agreements:
 - a. Fit and Healthy Center
 - b. Rosa's Plane Food Meals program
 - c. Heffernan-Vo Medical Services program

Mr. Virgen requested to table this item because we could not get the print outs out on time and we are still waiting for signatures of acceptance. He did provide everybody a copy with letterhead. He would like to give a chance for everybody to review and bring back next week.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Urena to table the approval of grants agreements for Fit and Healthy Center, Rosa's Plane Food Meals program and Heffernan-Vo Medical Services program. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena, Martinez

NOES: None

2. Discussion and/or Action: Scheduling Town Hall meeting on establishing a Heffernan Urgent Care clinic.

Mr. Virgen would like to do this on a Wednesday night to be with one of our meetings and those we give at least a week's notice ahead of time so that we can post on our website and get the public aware ahead of time. He also wanted to tell you that as we start meeting for the RFP the goal is to get a consultant that their expertise is Urgent Care Center. What he will do is for the next meeting he will bring back at least some idea of cost of each consultant, availability and etc. He will leave this for the planning committee to decide a date but it would be nice to give notice to the committee.

- a. Discussion and/or Action: Employment of Consultant for Urgent Care/scope of work and Request for Proposal preparation.

Mr. Virgen is requesting for the boards support is in us looking for somebody and hiring somebody to do that and this is just to get the numbers and the data together and once we get numbers we will get back to you for authorization for that amount and move forward.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Valdez to give direction to our Executive Director Mr. Virgen to look for a consultant for the Urgent Care. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena, Martinez

NOES: None

3. Discussion and/or Action: Status Report on Covid-19 ad hoc committee.

Mr. Virgen reported that on this item it stands from a conversation he believes the city did over the COVID committee. We do have a facility and his question was going to be if the board wants to continue that committee and if so can we just facilitate it rather than own it and would it remain an ad hoc committee. In other words we already have members from here that are on that committee and the intent would be since COVID is still very much alive and we still have issues with vaccines the idea was to invite them and see if the committee wants to be a reborn committee can we help them with the facility so they can continue with their services and it would only be an ad hoc committee as it was and that would be up to for discussion with the COVID committee.

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

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena, Martinez

NOES: None

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

Mr. Virgen reported that we are moving ahead with our 400 Mary building. They did a walk-thru the last couple of weeks again. We are making a great advance with the building. Most of the outside demo was done and the inside is moving along. They are going to put a build board in the front of the building of the constructional design of the building. That is coming up the next week or so.

5. Discussion and/or Action: Draft of Revised Strategic Plan.

Mr. Virgen reported that we do have a revised plan but it is not completed yet. It will have to come to the next agenda.

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

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena, Martinez

NOES: None

6. Report on LAFCO meeting of February 25, 2021.

Mr. Rivera attended this meeting in person and Mr. Virgen attended by phone. Mr. Rivera reported that LAFCO called this item to order and by interdiction Mr. Heuberger started the discussion on the item and he was very, very supportive of Heffernan Memorial Board and its Executive Director Mr. Virgen. Initially Mr. Heuberger went through historical aspects of how Heffernan and LAFCO arrived at a resolution on a lot of the issues that we discussed approximately three and a half years ago. We were in active by LAFCO through means of a resolution now we're basically hung the following resolution adopted by LAFCO in regards to our operational aspects of our budgets, programs, polices and strategic plan because LAFCO is the review agency for Heffernan's operation and Heffernan's compliance with the duties and obligations under safety code which we are organized under. Mr. Heuberger basically told the LAFCO board members that Heffernan is doing an excellent job in complying with the resolution adopted by LAFCO and also adopted Heffernan Memorial and accepted by Heffernan Memorial. What accrued after the last general election is that one of the cities representatives of LAFCO Jason Jackson was in his bid to return to El Centro city council because he was defeated that left a vacancy on the LAFCO board. LAFCO is a five member board, two members come from the county of Imperial, two come from the City of Imperial County and one is representative from the community. There are no special district members on LAFCO because special districts have not elected to apply to be seated on LAFCO and mainly because of the cost invalid. IID is a special district with a tremendous budget for water and power and they objected to paying a high amount of the fees for LAFCO and the reason he is telling the board this because the cities got together and they elected a new city representative a new representative to LAFCO is rising mayor Javier Romero from the city of Calexico. Now the discussing amongst the board was very positive. They were very consensus with Mr. Heuberger and his assessment of the function of the district. Now the board members asked why is Heffernan on the agenda and at that time Mr. Heuberger told the LAFCO board that they are on the agenda because they had received a letter of documents from Maritza Hurtado making allegations against the district, the districts actions, the districts programs, the districts COVID reactions to programs, concerns about Mr. Virgen's salary and availability and so forth. Then Mr. Heuberger went out to say that he has evaluated this and have received in the past many complaints. The complaints he has received have typically been from individuals who do not get funded by Heffernan and the first thing they do is come to complain to him about Heffernan because Heffernan refused to fund their program. Basically told the board members of LAFCO that because Heffernan has had discretionary funds that many public entities don't have a lot of people and a lot of community groups request funding from Heffernan and when Heffernan decides they do not qualify or they don't want to fund the project they get all this backlash from these specifics against Heffernan. He then basically told the board that he reviews along with Mr. Virgen basically all the programs for funding that are made to Heffernan. He has very clearly has indicated to the board that is that we have denied and approved certain programs. That is basically what he told the board and the board was very receptive and very positive in the comments and at the end of the Mr. Heuberger and the president asked whether there was anyone who would like to address the board and that is when Mrs. Hurtado got up and addressed the board for approximately 10-15 minutes. The address was not very coherent and wasn't organized, it was muddled. There was no specificity of what she was saying and a lot of her comments were not factual. She had a lot of very off tangent, she got very persona and she talked about personal experiences and currently you are all aware that she has very, very difficult attacking Mr. Virgen and his actions for the district. That is not what Mr. Heuberger feels. What he feels that there is close cooperation with Mr. Virgen and LAFCO specifically with Executive Director. To make the long story short the presentation was cut off by board member Castillo, who basically said this is taking way too much time than we anticipated this item to take and everybody who heard that immediately agreed and the item came abruptly to

a halt and Mr. Castillo said that because Mrs. Hurtado had handed the board a stack of documents that nobody had seen and the board members had not read and Mr. Heuberger had not read. The bottom line is Mr. Heuberger will be reviewing the documents and if needed be added to the agenda one more time. He will be contacting Mr. Virgen and they were going to discuss this matter and so forth.

Mr. Rivera's opinion is the board members were frustrated with the presentation and frustrated that they were given documents at the last minute without given an opportunity to review them. One specific item that has to be brought back to this board's attention is that Mr. Moreno specifically sided with Maritza Hurtado and he specifically said that he wanted the items that she was allegiant against Mr. Virgen to be looked into. There was no other board member that said anything concerning that comment. There wasn't a motion or direction and so forth. At the end of the meeting Mr. Heuberger was going to contact Mr. Virgen. They are going to discuss the matters. Part of the documentations is request for an audit, a fiscal audit because Maritza Hurtado believes that there was a \$25 thousand dollar contract that Heffernan entered with Dr. Vo, which is not true. We never entered any contract. The board took action approximately 10 months ago that we were going to enter into a contract with a medical provider that did not take place. That contract was never entered into. We just could not rise into an agreement and then at that time homeland situation was exhilarating at such a fast pace. Changing from day to day, week to week and we were one of the highest difficulties in the pandemic back them. She wants an audit of a contract that was never entered into by Heffernan.

Mr. Rivera thinks the board should know that LAFCO is very happy to see that after three and a half years Heffernan is doing well. Mr. Heuberger basically says that Heffernan is doing its doing its job well and is complying with LAFCO's resolution and is very happy with the organization and there is so much contact between Heffernan and LAFCO that a board member made a joke to Mr. Heuberger that if he is spending so much time with Heffernan he should start billing them. The bottom line is that Heffernan with the review of LAFCO board member is doing a good job and so is Mr. Virgen.

Mr. Virgen reported that he did meet with LAFCO the day after the meeting. They discussed a new change and direction and Mr. Virgen provided an updated document with the change of direction. There was only one question about the grants that applied but it was just explained the concept of it. They had a great conversation and meeting went pretty fast.

7. Discussion and/or Action: Closing of Heffernan Memorial account/Certificate of Deposit with Sun Community.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Valdez to approve closing Heffernan memorial account/Certificate of Deposit with Sun Community. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena, Martinez

NOES: None

8. Discussion and/or Action: Heffernan Memorial scholarships. 20 scholarships at \$1000.00 per scholarship and establishment of criteria for qualification, grade point and health related course of study.

Mr. Virgen reported to the board that we were contacted by someone from the county about if are we going to put up any scholarships because they are all trying to work together with packets

from all different schools. He believes the schools are going to go back to some type of functioning and what we wanted to make sure is if we want to keep the same criteria and is there something as a topic as concept or something that we want to move to the scholarship committee and bring back to us and he would rather do that rather than just discuss here and take action because its fresh.

Board Member Apodaca and Board Member Martinez is the scholarship committee and they will take back and discuss and will bring back to the board.

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

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena, Martinez

NOES: None

9. Discussion and/or Action: Modification of Agenda format to include a consent agenda/and items for consent agenda. Modification of public comment time limit to three minutes.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Valdez to approve modification of agenda format to include consent agenda/and items for consent agenda and modification of public comment time limit to three minutes. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena, Martinez

NOES: None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Strategic Plan Draft

Scholarships

Covid-19 ad hoc committee

Approval of Grant Agreement

Town Hall meeting

Bank information

ADJOURNMENT:

With no future business to discuss Board Member Valdez made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Second by Board Member Martinez. All in favor.