

THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 27th 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 5:31p.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 Apodaca second by Board Member Valdez to approve the agenda for January 27, 2021. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

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

CLOSED SESSION:

No action was taken in closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and seconded by Board Member Martinez to approve the minutes for November 4, 2020, November 9, November 16, 2020, November 23, 2020, December 9, 2020 and December 17, 2020. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Martinez

NOES: None

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

None

COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL

Mr. Pimentel reported that COVID testing were at the One Stop Center from 11am-7pm. On Friday the COVID testing will be at the movies next to Applebee's from 8am-3:30pm. Mr. Pimentel thinks this is going to be last one here in Calexico because they have not announced anything for February. He was contacted to maybe set up a meeting with Senator Garcia maybe next month and he will inform the board if that is possible that way we can get an idea what is going on related to COVID.

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT MANAGER:

Mr. Virgen reported the numbers of people coming in to get the COVID equipment is working really well with the local channels or communication are working really well. We have about 20 people per day.

COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and/or Action: Award of Heffernan Memorial grants to selected applicants pursuant to Heffernan Memorial's Request for Proposals.

Mr. Virgen reported that for the committee that met on Monday the following programs were recommended for approval.

Mr. Rivera informed the board that these were the programs that were reviewed by the board and were discussed by the board and are going to be recommended for actual funding through individual motions as to each program

Wellness 4 Kids program was recommended for approval.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Martinez to approve the Wellness 4 Kids program. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Apodaca, Urena, Martinez

NOES: Grijalva, Valdez

Dr. Vo's program was recommended for approval.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Martinez to approve Dr. Vo's contract. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena, Martinez

NOES: None

Nutrition Program with Rosa's Plain Food was recommended for approval.

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve Rosa's Plain Food contract. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena, Martinez

NOES: None

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

Mr. Virgen reported that we had a phone call with the local health department to address some information that is going on with the committee. The city does have their own COVID committee and we are working with them and we have 2 members that are assigned to them and they are Mrs. Grijalva and Mr. Martinez. The Health Department is doing a lot of work. He believes that a lot of people we under the impression that the Health Department had a lot of vaccines ready to get a hold of and that is not so. They did send a letter to Sacramento to get more vaccines but they are very limited. In Calexico we have about 18 providers but that does not mean all providers can get the vaccines. There are 2 pharmacies that get vaccines if requested but when we met with the county they mentioned that at that time when we had the meeting with them that only 2 providers in Calexico were already on the call back site to receive vaccines and that is the Clinicas De Salud del Pueblo and the Dialysis Center in Calexico the only ones at that time but we will follow up with the committee.

3. Discussion and/or Action: Status on 400 Mary Modernizations.

Mr. Virgen reported that he knows that there are some problems with the flooring at 400 Mary site and they working with the city for a permit and hopefully that will go through in the next couple of weeks. Once he has the start he will reach out to everyone in case you want to do a last walk thru or take pictures before they start the construction.

4. Discussion and/or Action: Formal Request by Heffernan Memorial to the Imperial County Health Department for the allocation of covid-19 vaccines/inoculations to the residents of the healthcare district.

Mr. Virgen reported that is the one we had discussed before to formulize it and this is before Mr. Martinez and him met with them he was all about lets send them something to them to formally request them but after talking to them they are doing the same thing from the state. He does not know if we should still do something formulized and send them a letter asking them to please keep us involved in the process etc. but it is kind of saying something to somebody that cannot do anything about it.

Board Member Martinez requested that we do not have to necessarily address the Health Department but maybe since what we spoke in the meeting is maybe the providers are going to be

the ones providing the vaccine. Maybe we can partner with one of those providers and talk to or maybe go over to the provider to see if we can either subsidize or help retrieve the vaccine as soon as possible.

5. Discussion and/or Action: Contract with Tony Pimentel for District Public Relations and Marketing as an Independent Contractor.

Mr. Virgen would like to propose that instead of a 1 year contract we do a 2 year contract with an increase of \$800.00.

Board Member Apodaca is in agreement with Mr. Virgen because of the performance Mr. Pimentel is doing and she does not have an objection in accepting Mr. Virgen's recommendation.

Board Member Urena would like to table this item for the next meeting because he does not know the contact with Mr. Pimentel.

Board Member Grijalva informed the board that Mr. Pimentel's contract is up February 1st and needs to be done now.

Board Member Martinez would also like to table this item.

Board Member Apodaca requested for Mr. Urena to get a copy of the contract for him to review.

Mr. Virgen asked Mr. Rivera that if since the contract is up on February 1st if we are able to retroactive the contract once we get it approved that way all board members can review the contract or is this something that needs to be approved today? Mr. Rivera replied that we can make it retroactive and you can offer the opportunity to Board Member Urena so he can review the contract and Mr. Pimentel will continue on a month to month contract with us. In other words there isn't going to be any interruption with his fee for the month.

Board Member Apodaca would like to table the item and that will give Mr. Urena the opportunity to review the contract.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Urena to table the contract with Tony Pimentel for District Public Relations and Marketing as an Independent Contractor. Motion tabled by the following wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena, Martinez

NOES: None

Item tabled for the next meeting.

6. Discussion and/or Action: Consolidation of District's various bank accounts to a single banking institution.

Mr. Virgen reminded the board that this is something we have been discussing for a long time. Every local bank that we have an account with every time we want to do something different they want a board member to go sign or to call them and it has been a challenge and thinks it is has to do with working with smaller banks. What he would like to do is as we are also getting a loan for part of the 400 Mary that we consider moving the account to a bank that can give us better rates

and that we can work with. Now we do have finance committee and know this is an item that goes to them but in reality we should be dealing with one bank not 2, 3 or 4 banks. He would rather look at on statement than look at 2, 3, 4 statements. At some point it was convenient and made a lot of sense but right now it does not make sense.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve having our Executive Director to move all funds into on single account. Motion passed by the following wit:

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

7. Discussion and/or action on Treasurer Report.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Valdez to approve the treasurer report. Motion passed by the following wit:

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

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Mr. Pimentel's contract
Report from the COVID committee
Dates for a workshop

ADJOURNMENT:

With no future business to discuss Board Member Valdez made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Second by Board Member Urena. All in favor.