

**THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 12th OF APRIL 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 Sanchez to approve the agenda for April 12, 2023. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:**

A resident who is interested in opening a non-profit organization and knows that grants are coming in sometime in June or August. They presented brochures that are sampled of the non-profit and attached are their resumes and information.

Katy Santillan Board President for PMHD wants to make a note to the board that the bill that is being presented by Assemblyman Garcia is introducing has a hidden agenda. They have met with him twice and their question is not any different as any other and this, are you going to include El Centro with their debt? The bill will dissolve the boards and tax everyone in the valley and what does that mean, well that means you take away El Centro's debt. They have been questioning that and if that happens PMHD will go against that and go the LAFCO way. The good thing about Eddie's bill is that is goes faster and nobody questions it. If you go through LAFCO it is voted by the people of Imperial Valley County. For them it is better for the people to have a say so from the valley. They have not answered our questions. We are going to be stuck with this bill. It is up to us to make the right decision but they are going to respect the decision of the HMHD board.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Approve minutes for meetings of March 8, 2023 and the Treasurer Report.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal and seconded by Board Member Sanchez to approve the minutes for March 8, 2023 and the Treasure 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 met with the Methadone Clinic and the Mayor of Calexico. The reason they met was because of the Equity Justice. They spoke about the help they need to stay open to give better service to the community. They also requested for us to spread the word that the services are there to help the community. They are also going to help get a better contract. The Mayor already spoke with Miguel Figueroa about that and they are working on getting a better contract for the clinic to provide better services for the community.

Board Member Armendariz reported that they have been advertising it on the Calexico High School website for the students and hopefully they will start applying for the scholarship. Paloma and she are going to be meeting to purchase the supplies that will be provided.

Board Member Sanchez reported that she got together with the supervisors for Unicare. They provide health services for the seniors. They also need help to spread the word for their services. The services are free and it's available for the community and they also work with certain clinics here in Calexico. Mrs. Sanchez also went ahead looked up two different grants that will also help bring back senior programs. One of them is Local Aging and Disability Action Planning Program and the other one is for the health information for older adults. Once we get the confirmation that we can go ahead so she can provide the information to the board and the grant application so we can get that started.

Board Bernal went to the City Council meeting last week and since last week was autism month there was a report done by a group that belonged to that program and she was very surprised to know that there was no wellness not just for autism but for special needs. For example there is no dentist for them to go to and she thinks that this is something that us as a healthcare district should be looking into because these mothers were talking about how hard it is for these children to be accepted in any dentist office or vision for that reason and she doesn't know what could be done but she is just brainstorming right now and all of us here could come up with some ideas how we can help one way or another. She was very surprised that this is happening in the United States. She would like to place this item to the agenda and have this group come and give us more information on what the needs are how we are able to help.

Board Member Virgen reported that they had a meeting with Assemblyman Garcia and he just got in touch with us as long wit El Centro, Pioneers, UCSD still on board with the one health district and we told them that we were. We still are pretty much involved with that. He is going to do the bill and the wording will be sent to us as soon as they have it. He believes we have one copy that is a preliminary one

but is not the final one. Also we had a meeting today with UCSD Community Relation representative. They came to introduce themselves and to see again if we were on board with the one healthcare district and to offer their help in any way that they can.

### **REPORTS BY ALL HMHD COMMITTEES**

None

### **COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL**

Mr. Pimentel informed the board that he created a QR code for the upcoming events we are going to having.

### **COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT MANAGER:**

Mr. Virgen touched briefly on what was already discussed by Mr. Valdez on the conversation with Assemblyman Garcia. We do need to get communication out to our community. We are going to be working with a group to put out a statement for our community because there a lot of miss communication, There is a lot of things that we do not know and I don't want to go out there not know what we are talking about. We do share some of the concerns Pioneer's does and we do share some of the motivations behind the legislation so that is somethings that we need to discuss.

### **COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:**

Mr. Rivera informed the board that on the agenda and how the board handles it is the consent calendar is being handled as an individual item. The method to approve a consent agenda is to make a motion to approve the consent agenda, the two items in one motion. If all board members agree then you pass it and so forth but if one of you wants to pull an item for further discussion then that item is pulled but you vote on the consent agenda.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Discussion and/or Action: Preliminary presentation of HMHD's Budget for FY 2023-2024.
  1. Discussion on grant allocation, if any, for FY 2023-2024.

Mr. Virgen informed the board that in their packet there was worksheet for the budget and if the board would like to have a special meeting to go over the budget.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal second by Board Member Armendariz to approve having a special meeting to discuss the budget. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

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

The board agreed on a special meeting on April 19 at 5:30.

Motion was made by Board Member Armendariz second by Board Member Sanchez to approve having a special meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.  
Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

- b. Discussion and/or Action: Direction to Executive Director for preparation of update to HMHD's Service Area Plan as requested by LAFCO.

The board agreed to have Mr. Virgen follow up on this item.

Motion was made by Board Member Armendariz second by Board Member Urena to approve bring back this item next the special meeting next Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

- c. Discussion and/or Action: Report and update on 400 Mary Modernization by contractor Mitchell Brothers.

An update was given Mitchell and Sanders on the modernization for 400 Mary.

- d. Discussion and/or Action: Ratification of Executive Director's letter of support for Senator Steve Padilla's Senate Bill 797 Lithium Extraction Tax Citizen Oversight Committee regarding appropriate extraction excise tax allocations.

Board Member Bernal would like to table this item until we hear what Mr. Kelly what results he received from Sacramento and then make a decision.

Board Member Valdez informed the board that this is just a ratification of the letter Mr. Virgen wrote.

Motion was made by Board Member Urena second by Board Member Armendariz to approve ratifying the letter. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Urena, Armendariz

NOES: Bernal, Sanchez

- e. Discussion and/or Action: Board discussion and determination on placing a community member on HMHD's committees. This is to create more involvement and professional help from the community. This is just to discuss and maybe bring back.

Board Member Urena asked for this item to be placed on the agenda because she feels we need to have more community involvement. This is to create more involvement and professional help from the community. This is just to discuss and maybe bring back.

This item will be tabled.

- f. Discussion and/or Action: Discussion and determination of terminating zoom meeting transmissions of District meetings.

Motion was made by Board Member Urena second by Board Member Armendariz to approve terminating zoom meeting transmissions of District meetings. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

Board Member Urena will agree to cancel the zoom meetings but would like to look into bringing the Facebook live. Board Member Armendariz agrees with Mr. Urena and she is not saying we are not transparent and never said it. She would like for this to be available for the public if the public could come or if they could see it Facebook live for the record.

Motion was made by Board Member Urena second by Board Member Armendariz to approve terminating zoom meeting transmissions of District meetings. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

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

- g. Discussion and/or Action: New board member training session's authorization and attendance.

Motion was made by Board Member Urena second by Board Member Bernal to table this item for the next regular meeting. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

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

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

Autism program presentation  
Facebook Live  
ACHD Conference  
Update on grant contractor  
Healthcare Fairs

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no future business to discuss Board Member Bernal made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56p.m. Second by Board Member Armendariz. All in favor.