

**THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> OF AUGUST 2017 AT THE 601 HEBER AVE, CALEXICO, CA. 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 Sylvia Bernal and led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:**

Chairperson	Sylvia Bernal
Vice Chairperson	Gloria G. Romo
Chief Financial	Hector Martinez
Secretary	Rodolfo Valdez
Trustee	Norma M. Apodaca

**GUESTS:**

Eduardo Rivera- Attorney  
Brenda Ryan-Board Clerk

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Martinez to approve the agenda for August 2, 2017 Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martínez, Apodaca, Valdez  
NOES: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:**

Mrs. Carrillo reported that the HMHD is a member of the Chamber and keeps them up to date as to what is going on. They went dark the moth of July and have not had any meetings and they are stating back up because it is now August. They had a flyer for the Self Stor-it. It is a new business here in Calexico and they are having their grand opening and ribbon cut tomorrow at 5:30pm. It will be a good opportunity to check it out. The 2<sup>nd</sup> announcement is that Calexico California Gateway Toastmasters is having their kickoff meeting to communicate is to evolve comunicar es disarrollarse on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and this is a bi-national event. There will be guest speakers. This event will beginning at 6pm and end at 7:30pm and it is very nice to have all elected officials there because it is bi-national event and when we go over there we get the same kind of treatment. Another thing Calexico with San Diego blood bank, PMH, Calexico Chamber and the City of Calexico are having a blood drive on Thursday August 17 this and she emailed the flyer to everyone and it's from 12 noon to 5p at the Calexico Community Center. It's very important that we all see you there because this has to do with health. The Chamber will be having a meeting soon and that is up in the air.

Maribel Padilla from the Brown Bag Coalition who helps with the homeless in Calexico, she is here to ask to be placed on the next agenda to ask as a health provider if there is a way the district can sponsor to

give hepatitis vaccines to the homeless because what they are trying to do is prevent it and another thing the organization is asking is if the board could provide the feeding in our facility because the homeless is not going to come if we tell them to come get vaccinations but if we tell them we are moving the feeding here they will come. If we can tell them if they want their plate of food they would need to first get their vaccination then get their food and also we can try to register them. They have about 60 registered and they give them purple bands. They did their count in January and Calexico has the most homeless. We have 125 that were counted and that not to say the ones that were not counted and the ones that could not be found. Those were the ones that were counted and that was mainly because they did a dinner and raffled things off and they came and that's how they got their count. They are requesting for the board to fund a nurse and the vaccinations and they would bring the food. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

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

Board Member Martinez spoke with Mr. Heuburger the executive director from LAFCO. He had a meeting with him and wanted to get to know him personally and see if he could give us some information on how work as a board. Mr. Heuburger gave Mr. Martinez a summary of what he thought and just told him straight out that we needed to focus on medical services. We have something going with ECRMC and PMH but we have to bring something on our own. He thinks it would be good to start moving in that direction.

Board Member Romo informed the board that the Consulado de Mexico invites the board to the planning meeting to carry on the 17<sup>th</sup> bi-national health week. It is in El Centro on Thursday at 10am on 5<sup>th</sup> and State St.

Board Member Bernal also went to visit Mr. Heuburger yesterday and he also relat4e the same information that was related to Mr. Martinez. In the near future the he plans to be here to give an orientation on what he expects from the District. He will confirm with her on when he can come.

### **COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL**

Mr. Pimentel reported that the two videos form the Nopal event workshop are already online on the website.

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

None

### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Wellness for Kids report.

We were asked to table this item because they had a prior commitment.

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

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: Bernal, Martinez

2. Presentation by Angelica Tellechea and Melinda Guzman.

Mrs. Tellechea reported on the retreat. She thanked the board members that attended. They had some guest speakers and Mr. Heuburger could not attend. His wife has been ill and has had series of surgeries so it was recommended for him to come on site or maybe in El Centro and you guys could do some one and one training. We had facilitator Alejandro who worked on team work communications and mapping. Mrs. Tellechea did the strategy and partnership. We had Steve who is the Regional Director for California Endowment they do 10 year partnership and those partnerships are worth \$2 million dollars a year. One of the things Mrs. Tellechea is looking at as we look long term on what the goals are because each trustee was interviewed separately and they come together as a board and decide what that long term is and whatever that may be that is the reason. Nancy is the talky from Alliance. They could not come this week because she had a personal issue and has jury duty. However they are defiantly coming for September and then there are some steps that we need to work on before they get here because we need to very focuses and clear in what the task is going to be. The other person that was there is Ray Castillo we talked about one of the things about doing partnership is the county is doing that. You have different things as they relate to your board. How do we litigate those cost by bringing theme together so not everybody is spending the same money if not the resources on the same thing. So if we come together it could help litigate some of those cost for the county but also for you and you get a little more bank. We are talking about what does that look like, what would that be and from smaller things form participating on signing up for Covered California all the way up to the bigger picture we are talking about and one of the big things that dominated the conversation a little bit was that we have over 7 thousand beds in Imperial Valley so there are a lot of cost that are taken away from the county and also as you get down as to how it relates to Calexico for those costs. She contacted Barbara Word who is the executive director in DC for veteran minorities and she will be joining the meeting in September with Steve and Nancy. Cynthia Moreno, who is the communication director and is currently with the California Senate, she talked about the do's and don'ts on communication. They provided binders for everyone and all the information that was discussed is in that binder. Melinda Guzman who is here, she is an attorney. She has been appointed by the Governor on several commissions. She was a CSU trustee. She has been appointed by different Presidents for different commissions. She is currently the Vice-Chair of the Federal bank which is the bank of the banks and it's the one for the West Coast. Mrs. Tellechea is hoping that in October they can have a retreat here on site so then we can follow up on the first retreat and then the next step.

Melinda Guzman has had a pleasure on meeting the Board. She gave a brief back ground of where she is from, when she moved to Calexico and her education. She has a lot of interest in Calexico because she spent many of her years growing up right here in this valley. She became a member of the board of directors to the Federal Bank System. The district is in California, Arizona and Nevada. She has served on that board for 10 years and the last 2 years she has been the Vice-Chair. The Federal Home Loan Bank is not a mortgage bank. It is a bank for banks in this district and it is throughout the United States but our district is California, Arizona and Nevada and they exist basically to lend money to banks in the district at a cheaper rate and it was with the idea so they could provide home loans more affordable in the district. Under her leadership they have created a \$1 million dollar quality job fund that they are going to invest in California, Arizona and Nevada and she has asked for some of those dollars be earmarked for

Imperial County and right here in Calexico because they are one of the areas that need more jobs. She was interested in working with our board and provides governance training and helping us be a stronger board because of what we do and that is the task we provide medical services in the city and possibly provide clinic or even hospital services. She is interested in helping us not only with our governance but to work with Angelica and work with us in helping bring dollars to this valley, whether it's the county or Calexico proper so that we can realize that dream of being a hospital to Calexico. She commends all for serving on the board and enjoyed meeting all those that attended the retreat and will be happy to meet with and talk to any of us at any time. She is a volunteer at this point and was privileged to participate there but again she has an interesting of helping us succeed because if we succeed this area succeeds. As director of the bank, as an attorney or whatever hat she wears we will create a stronger economy, a stronger home life for people in this valley if we can bring jobs, homes and healthcare and that is part of her mission and on top of that education. She looks forward to working with us to helping us realize the dream of bringing better healthcare services to this area and should you need further assistance with governance or other issues she will be happy to serve us.

Mrs. Tellechea did meet with Ralph Cordova and Mr. Castillo. There is a moratorium. Mr. Castillo and Mr. Cordova have given us their word that the \$15 thousand dollars we will eventually get from the board of supervisors because of the moratorium and because you don't know if it's going to be lifted in 30, 60 or 90 days there are some funds that owed to them and that part is going to come in August but then that money still has to clear but realistically 30 to 90 days but she did not forget about that so just kind of keep it filled that it will happen. Do not panic yet. She asked for the board to think of a day in September for the people to come and a date for October to have the part 2 of the retreat.

### 3. Update on the Health and Safety Fair.

Javier Moreno gave a brief update on the health and safety fair. They are moving along and going to reorganize. Javier Gonzalez is not here today and Mr. Moreno was hoping he would be here but he has been trying to get a hold of him so they could move forward with this.

Mr. Beaver informed that the board that they went ahead on having Javier Gonzalez to spear ahead this organization and work with him.

Board Member Apodaca has a letter that she wrote for Mr. Gonzalez and she is going to read it to the board. The letter read as follow: Mr. Gonzalez, please be advised that I will not participate as a member of officer of Health and Safety fair in any fashion. I am a member of Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District and I will not be a member in any form of the Health and Safety Fair committee or organization. Sincerely, Norma M. Apodaca. What Board Member Apodaca wants to make clear is that she was part of that committee as a representative of where she works not as a Heffernan Member to avoid any confusion. She is going to leave the letter for records.

Board Member Valdez asked what happen to the committee, are you keeping that committee or are they going to be added or joined with the Kennedy Coalition. Mr. Moreno responded that yes and that at the last meeting it was agreed to join forces and members of their half are here.

Mr. Yanez thanked the board for their support and wants to let us know that he is going to be out of the committee also and does not want to participate in the committee anymore for personal reasons and he wishes if he could help Mr. Gonzalez on his organization fair anything else as a member of this community but not as a member of the community.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1 Discussion and/or possible action on sponsoring the Calxico Bulldogs Football Team.

A letter was presented for the board to purchase advertising for a fundraiser for the Calxico Bulldog Football Team.

Board Member Romo asked Mr. Pimentel if he thought this was a good idea and Mr. Pimentel replied that any advertising is good.

Board Member Valdez asked Mr. Rivera if is this is something we can do and Mr. Rivera replied that this is to promote.

Motion was made by Board Member Romo and second by Board Member Martinez to approve purchasing the full page for the amount of \$400.00. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

- 2 Discussion and/or possible action on Sun Community Federal Credit Union Certificate of Deposit renewal.

Board Member Martinez reported that the certificate we have at Sun Community for the amount of around \$236 thousand dollars and it expires today and it's at a rate of .25%. They gave us a new rate which is way better then what we have now. For 6 months its .65%, 12 months-.85%, 24 months-1.26%, 36 months-1.50%, 48 months-1.85% and 60 months-2.05%. His advice to the board as it was already said that we were going to put in \$3 million dollars into the Cal Trust and he spoke to them and they told him that the rates have gone down from the original ones that they had provided when Wells Fargo came in and plus Wells Fargo is no longer the holder the holder of the account anymore. Sun Community proposed this to us and doesn't know if the board would like to place \$1.5 in Sun Community and \$1.5 in Cal Trust. It is almost the same interest rate. Cal Trust is around .09% higher for the 12 months. Mr. Rivera informed the board that we had choose Cal Trust over the local agency state and the state has a fund also and it's covered by the state of department finances and maybe we should have that item on the agenda and we can get more information from them also.

Mrs. Tellechea reminded the board that they had the vice-president of the federal home bank, the banks of banks if they minded if she gave them information.

Melinda recommended to the board that they do not have to necessarily put it in a bank but it does need to be a secured account but before we make a decision this evening she can give us some names who we can consult with to help give us some guidance on where we might have the best and most secure rate to return. She can speak with Mr. Martinez after the meeting to give him more information.

Board Member Bernal would like to get more information on what Mr. Rivera was saying and what Melinda was explaining and for now deposit the amount off \$250 thousand dollars at the credit union.

Board Member Apodaca would like 12 months but would like to add another \$250 thousand dollars to make at least half a million dollars that is already established.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Valdez to approve adding \$250 additional to the \$250 that is already invested to equal the amount of half a million dollars for 12 months at the interest rate of 0.85% in the Sun Community Bank. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: Bernal, Martinez

Board Member Martinez will do the transfer with Sun Community.

- 3 Discussion and/or possible action on adoption of the revised HMHD's fiscal year 2017-2018 budget.

Correction was made on the budget.

Motion was made by Board Member Romo and second by Board Member Valdez to approve the HMHD's fiscal year 2017-2018 budget. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

- 4 Discussion and/or possible action on George Woo's proposal for the audit ending the year June 30, 2017.

Mr. Woo presented a proposal for the audit ending the year June 30, 2017 for the total amount of \$9,500.00.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Romo to approve purchasing a plaque for Mrs. Wong. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Apodaca

NOES: Martinez, Valdez

- 5 Discussion and/or possible action on the Calexico School District Letter of Intent.

Board Member Bernal asked Mrs. Reynolds to attend the meeting to answer any questions the board had about the swimming pool. Board Member Martinez did not have any questions he just wanted to have a breakdown on the budget of what it looked like with an elaborate description. Mrs. Reynolds did inform the board that the letter does show on what they would use it for and that is on water safety equipment/material, salaries and benefits and educational material that support awareness.

Board Member Martinez asked how long would this program last and Mrs. Reynolds replied that ideally this program has the pool open for community use during the summer. This would have been a program for the summer. When they had met with Mrs. Apodaca and Mrs. Romo we had talked about a program for seniors and wellness and that it would run through the whole summer but since we are kind of at the end of the summer maybe this is something that we can do for next summer or implement along with the city for next year.

Board Member Romo asked Mr. Rivera on what his opinion on this item and he replied with one of the things that the board wanted to find out is what the districts contribution was to this particular program was going to be and number 2 is the situation with one of the pools is closed or has reopened because of the LG difficulty and what the status is on that. Mrs. Reynold's did reply that the pool is still closed and it will be repaired and will not open at this time and again this is something that has been going on for about 6 month on the agenda and as far as the districts contribution. The district invests a lot in that pool facility as far as the maintenance and the up keep that is outside of this budget here. She can tell us that that they have been working with the city because they are looking at other grants to support summer recreational programs. Everything outside of the \$30 thousand dollars is the districts contribution as far as the up keep and main functionality of the pool. Mr. Rivera is asking will the program be for this summer or next year. Mrs. Reynold's replied that since the summer is already over and the larger pool is the lap pool currently needs some repairs due to the LG that is in the pool and is closed. So she is making the assumption that it would be for next summer. The question Mr. Rivera has is whether or not the city of Calexico has also entered into discussion about contribution for this same program for this year or next year. Mrs. Reynold's replied that the city and district currently have a use joint agreement which means that we use their facilities for no charge and they use our facility for no charge. As far as contributing to the actual use of the pool at this time the city is unable to contribute to the up keep and the maintenance of the pool and understand the financial situation of the city. Ideally this program was for this summer. Mr. Rivera gave the last comment to the board to just increase senior wellness program substantial amount of money and given the comments that have been made by the district the board might want to talk to the city about incorporating the senior wellness program with some of the items that she just mentioned and it is obvious that this summer isn't going to be a summer where these funds are going to be utilized and like she said you can earmark them and then contingent on discussing it with the city and hopefully through the city and the district wellness program we can incorporate the same program that the district wishes to provide in conjunction with the district but it is up to the board whether we want to earmark it or table it or discuss it with the district and the city together and then come to an agreement for the next available summer.

Board Member Martinez informed the board that this summer already ended and then these numbers might change for next year.

Board Member Valdez asked when the district says a summer program from what month to what month and Mrs. Reynold's replied that schools is out in June and she thinks that ideally it was meant for July 1<sup>st</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Board Member Bernal's to just earmark this program for next summer so the district does not have to be going back to 6 months and the summer is already over and this way they already know for sure they can start on July 1<sup>st</sup> and not have to wait and this is what we would have to give and if the prices got up then it is their problem not ours.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Valdez to table this item for next year. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Martinez, Apodaca, Valdez  
NOES: Bernal

- 6 Discussion and/or possible action on change orders on 400 Mary Ave. sewer repairs.

Board Member Martinez really thinks that the board should look into appraising the property and see what we can get out of it instead of keeping of investing money into the property and then find out that we have to invest even more and more money to the property.

Board Member Apodaca does understand what Mr. Martinez is saying that it would be a good idea to sell the building and spending that much money but she thinks it is better to fix the place that we already have and already invested a lot of money and let's try with these people that have already started the work so adding that extra total or \$70 thousand change is not going to hurt. It is better to invest that amount now and we will have a more opportunities and chances to sell the property in the near further.

Board Member Valdez also believes that if we sell or appraise it as is we will be appraised at a lower amount and although we are spending a lot of money he thinks it should be repaired and then see how much money we can get out of it.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez to table this item. No second motion was made therefore the motion dies.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve the change orders for the almost amount of \$20 thousand dollars for 400 Mary Ave. sewer repair. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Bernal, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: Romo, Martinez

7 Discussion and/or possible action on ECRMC invoice.

Rosario informed the board that yesterday she spoke with Kathy Anderson she gave her some reports but today Rosario spoke with Karla and they were reviewing the invoices and they are not finished and are not complete for the board to take action on.

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

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

Calexico Brown Bag Coalition

Transferring funds

**CLOSED SESSION:**

No action taken in closed session

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no future business to discuss Board Member Apodaca made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. Second by Board Member Romo. All in favor.