

THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 28th OF JUNE, 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 5:30 p.m. by Sylvia Bernal and Hector Martinez led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:

Chairperson	Sylvia Bernal
Vice Chairperson	Gloria G. Romo
Treasurer	Hector Martinez
Trustee	Rodolfo Valdez

GUEST:

Eduardo Rivera- Attorney

ABSENT:

Norma M. Apodaca-Trustee

Brenda Ryan- Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Valdez to approve the agenda for June 28, 2017. Motion was passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Valdez

NOES: None

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- 1 Discussion and/or possible action on Grant Writer agreement modification recommendation by District counsel concerning date of first monthly payment and other language clarification.

Mr. Rivera reported that the contract has been reviewed and the recommendations concerning dates and other languages have been revised and the revision is before you for signature effective the 21st. It was voted by the majority to approve the contract effective the June 21st and ready for the board to sign. This is the new contract that had some changes from the original contract now the dates have been internally made consistent with the board action.

Board Member Bernal has some questions and it was to her understanding that the board was supposed to hire a grant writer not a consultant and this agreement says consultant agreement and

she is a little bit confused because that is not what we applied for. We applied for a grant writer not a consultant.

Rosie Fernandez asked if the board was going to pay a flat fee of \$55 thousand for an independent contractor.

Olivia Valenzuela resident of Calexico expressed her concerns about these fees. She read the contract and she finds very lop sided on the side of the quote consultant grant writer. The fees seem to be very high and it is a general practice of any entity with a hire a consultant or a grant writer to give them a retainer fee of whatever but nothing else until they produce the work that you have commended them to do. Now why is this written as to she is going to be getting \$15 thousand dollars down and then 56 hundred per month and not to exceed \$75 thousand dollars. She has been here to these board meetings for years and she is not often here for health reasons and this really got me out of my house because it is my reason as a resident and a tax payer that this board is over stepping their authority and miss handling public funds in this. Also she read on the front page 1.2 on the last 2 lines it says senior and aging convalescence services and or facility structure and implementation or foundation or indulgent to supplement the vision of the board. She would like to know when this other foundation non-profit was approved. Mr. Rivera informed her that this has not been approved and she would like to know then why is it here. Mr. Rivera replied with that it is a proposed service. Mrs. Valenzuela informed the board that if they are going to request information it should have been on an agenda, it should have been discussed and voted on and if it was then she needs to see the minutes. Mr. Rivera informed the public that this board took action after several public hearing and after we went out to bid 30 days we went out to bid nationally. The board received 4 applications and the board evaluated the 4 applications this application was approved by the board at a regular meeting so all the action that has been taken place by the board are correct. Mrs. Valenzuela is here because she does not agree with what the board has approved and perhaps it was rushed but she does not know because she was not here and speaks of something she did not see but she knows that this other foundation or endowment or and additional non-profit within this non- profit has been discussed before because she was here at the it was discussed and it was voted on. It seems to her that this board is trying to bring it in through the back door and the community is not going to be happy. She is going to tell the board right now that she understands that it has been approved and understands that it has been voted on but she is prepared to go as high as she has too so that this does not happen again because you are supposed to be safe keeping our monies not throwing the, away and up to last November you guys were doing very well. She told them that when the new board came in and she will tell them again there was never any waste that she could see but now she is seeing it and she is telling the board that she does not like it and there is a group in the community who is ready to move on this and if this keeps up they are going to bring whoever they have too and if necessary we are going out and going to start sign petitions to eliminate the property taxes that Heffernan receives and she is sure that the property owners will be elated to learn they are going to be paying less property taxes.

Rosie Fernandez is not here to judge the board's vote. She is here as a concerned citizen as Olivia is. I was with this board for 16 years and never did we approve something or give out any cash to anyone without the service rendered. She finds that this is something the board needs to look at and review it again because the tax payers are not going to like the idea of paying someone upfront \$15 thousand dollars up front when the service is not even rendered and another thing is that the bid was out for a grant writer and this something more like a consultant. She is looking for the interest of the residents of Calexico and she finds it that the board needs to do their homework.

Mrs. Valenzuela made one last comment and that is for the board to remember that they are supposed to be a safe keeping of funds that come in to this board for the community and this is not is not community and as it is written here it sounds like a personal gain and this is not for this board but for the consultant whoever she is because has not had the pleasure of meeting her. The way this is written it is very lop sided and it's all for personal gain without turning any work at all and the community will not be happy.

Board Member Martinez informed the public that they are not supposed to be safe keeping the funds. We are supposed to be investing the funds in order to return the services to you.

Board Member Valdez informed the public that this was not rushed and Mr. Rivera has ample time to check the contract several times and this has been going on since February and we are now in June and we have approved it and it has been approved and does not know why we keep beating a dead horse. The contract has been approved and all it needs is to be signed.

Board Member Bernal is in disagreement with this contract and she is the president but she is not going to sign the contract. If our Vice President wants to sign it because it is clear here that it says consultant agreement. We applied for a grant writer not a consultant and if you guys cannot see clear what it says here but it's up to the board whatever you do but she is telling the board as of right now Mrs. Romo may sign it because she is refusing to sign it.

Board Member Romo has no problem with signing the contract. Heffernan needed more money for other projects and Mrs. Tellechea is a very good professional for this topic.

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez and second by Board Member Romo to approve the ratifications on the contract. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Martinez, Valdez

NOES: Bernal

Chairperson Bernal opposed to signing the contract therefore Vice-President Romo will be signing the contract.

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

Francisco Amezquita from George Woo CPA in El Centro and they will be working on the budget today for 2017-2018.

Francisco, Rosario and the board worked on the districts fiscal 2017-2018 budget.

Francisco will make the changes and prepare the new budget.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and seconded by Board Member Valdez to approve adopting the tentative budget. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Valdez

NOES: None

Once the budget is prepared by Francisco it will be brought back to the board for the July 5th meeting for the board to approve the final totals and once it is approved the budget will be uploaded to the webpage for the public.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no future business to discuss Board Member Romo made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm. Second by Board Member Martinez. All in favor.