

**THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 17<sup>th</sup> OF NOVEMBER, 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 3:00 p.m. by Sylvia Bernal and Mr. 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
Secretary	Rodolfo Valdez
Trustee	Norma M. Apodaca

**GUEST:**

Eduardo Rivera- Attorney

**ABSENT:**

Brenda Ryan- Board Clerk

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve the agenda for November 17, 2017. Motion was passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martínez, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:**

Mr. Pimentel informed the board that he spoke with Adellante Valle Mr. Baroques and they informed him they received an anonymous package and they wrote the article based on what they received and pictures that he used he got them from Mrs. Tellechea FB page and then Mrs. Bernal spoke with him and clarified some of the points. Mr. Pimentel talked to them and he will be clarifying some issues on Thursday newspaper but there is going to be more press on this issue. Mr. Pimentel invited Adellante Valle to attend a meeting to ask all the question they want to know.

Mr. Rivera informed the board that all this information was made public by the board so many meetings again. It was made public here and even the expenses. For Mr. Borjoquez to not come to obtain the information that this board released he finds that not fair. Second this board released this information to LAFCO and LAFCO has all this information. The press has always been invited to be here. The board has made public everything that was contained in that article except for some error in it. But everything that is contained in that article the board has made public in a public session, in a public agenda,

Board Member Bernal was very upset about the article because of everything that was said in the article. In the article it said that she had spent all that money and even what she had eaten. She tried to get a hold of them and she went over to see him. When she went to talk to him he told Tony one thing and when she went he told her something else. She told him she was very upset and if he didn't remove these things that were being said about her she was going to turn around and sue IV Press for slandering her and putting on false information. They did not put anything about Norma of Valdez but they put that she ate octopuses, wings that she order and she asked him if he saw her any of the photos because she was not in any photo that was posted because she did not attend. He said that this is the way he works and Board Member Bernal insisted for him to change this immediately and that is where he interviewed her. She told him that she does not mind that he post this because it is public information but that he needs to post what is correct and this is not correct because it is blasting her. She asked him when he got this information and he replied that he got about a week ago and Board Member Bernal also asked who he got this from and replied from Tellechea. He told her that this information came in a package from Tellechea. Board Member Bernal presented a letter to the Board that Arturo wrote. Julio sent this to Arturo telling him board Sylvia Bernal called him to tell him that she was not at the retreat that was highlighted in Arturo's Adellante article and she asking for the correction to be and any reference of her being presence at the retreat to not be included in any IV Press article. Board Member Bernal told him that he had the wrong information and she will send him a package with all the expenses and she explained that he needs to understand that when you put something on a hotel the hotel will charge the credit card so each one of these board members had to pay to back what was charged under their room. Board Member Bernal had to do what she had to do right away because it is coming out in English on IV Press but this is going to detain it because he is going to put something else he is going to put what she said. Board Member Romo suggested that this is already out and now we just need to resolve it and correct. Board Member Bernal informed the board that on Monday she is going to take all the expenses to them because they are requesting the information because they have the wrong information. Board Member Romo recommends to do something do be able to reply about what happen it is that simple we need to reply to the press what happen. Mr. Rivera thinks that Mrs. Romo has a very good point. There has to be a press conference with all the board. The sooner the better. Also a written letter demanding a retraction of that wrong information has to be made. You have to make that clear. It doesn't matter what Morales or Borjorques tells you it has to be in writing and they have to publish that letter in writing. All of you disclosed all of this to the public that they were not here that is not an excuse. This information is incorrect. Its dated information you made these disclosures a minimum of 30 to 60 days ago. You had full house with all of the expenses discussed. Board Member Apodaca wants to add that Mrs. Tellechea had clearly said that she was requesting \$15 thousand dollars to spend on that retreat with whoever she thought at that moment she was going to invite that is the amount she requested to be approved as an expense and she going to request the same amount to the County of Supervisors so we are not hiding anything with us or without us. Everything was disclosed to the public. Mr. Rivera informed the board that IV Press and Adellante have this reputation of not fact checking. It is very easy to check facts before you publish so it's their fault and they are creating a lot of problems Mrs. Tellechea just called and evidently it has gotten back to her already and what she said was we had a discussion about a letter of apology to Mrs. Moreno and he thought that we had issued a letter of apology to her for the mix up of the credit card. Mr. Rivera asked her to send him and email bullet point of what she needs for the district to offer an apology and he does not think the board would have any reservation once or ever sending an apology to Mrs. Moreno or anyone else or to the other man. Mrs. Tellechea did tell Mr. Rivera that Mrs. Moreno did withdrawal the

complaint with the Attorney General Office that is what she said on the phone right now. She did also told him that she wanted to resolve this on a friendly manner and Mr. Rivera informed her that the board wants the same thing. Mr. Rivera will be writing the retraction letter and send it to the board. Mr. Rivera does recommend having that press conference and the board should decide on a date.

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

- 1 Discussion and/or possible action on purchasing Meridian Financial & Insurance Services.

Board member Martinez asked Mr. Rivera what does this cover and what would be the difference opposed to what the district already has and Mr. Rivera informed them that they do not have any insurance right. The board had insurance up to 3-4 years ago and the board has been operating without directors insurance. In effect to what you would be doing is the actions that you take in the board if for whatever reason anybody makes an allegation your actions were responsible for some damages then they would cover you but apart from that even if you don't have any the health and safety code with the government will provide you with immunity in other words when you are acting in your capacity as a board director the government code prevents anybody from suing you individually. They can sue the board and Heffernan District if the district is really responsible. With the insurance you are an extra level of production that's all.

Board member Bernal apologized to the board for not having all the information for the board what they had requested to have all the information before 3pm and they still have not sent anything.

Board Member Apodaca recommends approving the concept of having insurance and then we will discuss the cost.

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez and seconded by Board Member Martinez to approve placing this item on our next meeting once we have all the information. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Apodaca, Martinez, Valdez

NOES: None

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no future business to discuss Board Member Martinez made motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:49pm. Second by Board Member Apodaca. All in favor.