

**HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104
Heber, CA, 92249**

**Thursday, February 16, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.
MINUTES**

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Board Of Directors of The Heber Public Utility District was held at the Districts meeting room and called to order at 6:00 pm by President Diahna Garcia-Ruiz.

2. ROLL CALL:

Directors present at roll call: S. Escobedo, M. Nolasco, D. Garcia-Ruiz, and T. Sandoval, also present General Manager Laura Fischer, Senior Office Clerk Liz German and General Counsel Steve Walker. Director P. Tabarez arrived at 6:04pm.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by President Diahna Garcia-Ruiz.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Director M. Nolasco seconded by Director S. Escobedo.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0.

AYES: S. Escobedo, M. Nolasco, D. Garcia-Ruiz, and T. Sandoval.

NOES:

ABSENT: P. Tabarez

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/COMMENT:

The following members of the public address the Board.

Mr. Equihua-1103 Heber Ave. approached the Board stating he opposes to the rate increases and also commented about HPUD's budget and how he thinks it was done incorrectly. Mr. Equihua stated he was displeased with employee's salaries and benefits and said that it is unfair for Heber resident to be paying for highly paid salaries and can't understand how it is possible to have salary increase every year. Mr. Equihua remarks were very lengthy and kept on repeating the same topic over and over again.

Teresa Estrada – Heber resident of 75 14th St., approached the Board stating she too opposes to the rate increase but was mainly there to get clarification and understanding on the Capacity Fees, she believes they should not be lowered as much as they are been proposed, Mrs. Estrada believes all new development coming into Heber should pay their share part and does not agree they should be lower.

The Board may set time limits on the amount of time any speaker can use to address the Board. Members of the public are allowed to make comments about anything not listed on the agenda. If the comments concern an agenda item, they must wait until that item is up for discussion. If you wish to address the Board, please fill out a "Request to Speak Form" and hand it to the Clerk of the Board and when recognized by the President of the Board, go to the podium and address the Board. The Board can't take action on any item not on the agenda.

Director S. Escobedo excused himself at 7:12

Board of Directors took a break @ 7:15 and resumed at 7:20

6. CONSENT AGENDA: Any item on the Consent Agenda may be removed and placed under New Business at the request of any Board Member or member of the Public:

A. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting on January 19, 2017.

B. Approval of Current Demands for January 2017

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Director M. Nolasco seconded by Director P. Tabarez.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0.

AYES: : M. Nolasco, D. Garcia-Ruiz, P. Tabarez and T. Sandoval

NOES:

ABSENT: S. Escobedo.

7. REPORTS:

A. President and Director's Comments:

Director T. Sandoval briefly reported about a meeting he attended with the Heber Community Foundation. He discussed a grant application that was submitted to the Local Entity at IID to construct a recreational trailer located at the vacant lot that HPUD owns on the Heber Meadows sub-division. He stated this would be a good source for children activities maybe having computers, learning activities and indoor games.

He also asked the Board if they would consider holding a Special Meeting to direct staff to apply for the IID Local Entity grant funds that are available. The Board agreed and the meeting date was set for February 22, 2017 at 6pm.

B. Operations Report for January 2017:

A written report was provided to the Board and posted on our website.

C. Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project Update: Juny Marmolejo of the Holt Group was present and provided a brief power point presentation on the water treatment plant improvement project. Mr. Marmolejo explained all work that has been performed and reported that the project is 80% completed and is expected to be completed in mid-April 2017. He also stated that there will be a need to have one more plant shut down in the 1st/2nd week of April 2017, all residents will be notified within a timely matter.

- D. **General Manager's Report:** General Manger Laura Fischer reported on the following: First movie night of the year will be on February 17, 2017. Community Clean up is schedule for March 4, 2017, Easter Egg Hunt will be schedule and will coordinated with staff to have it done in April 2017. The Heber School Board vacancy was announced in the newsletter along with the Public Hearing time and date. Mrs. Fischer briefly informed the board on the score board and how is has not been installed due to some permits the County requires. General Manger reminded the Board to please advise if anyone was going attend the Special District seminar leadership academy on February 26-March 1, 2017 and the upcoming Legislative Days on May 16-17, 2017.

8. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action:

- A. **Introduce and Waiver the First Reading of Ordinance Number 2017-1 to Amend Ordinance 2010-2 to Modify the Water Service Capacity Fees- General Manger.** General Manger, Laura Fischer, explained the first reading of Ordinance number 2017-1, a lengthy discussion was lead by the board due to uncertainty the board present did not want to modify the water service capacity fee and directed staff to convey more information as to how this is calculated at the next meeting.

Motion to Introduce and Waiver the First Reading of Ordinance Number 2017-1 to Amend Ordinance 2010-2 to Modify the Water Service Capacity Fees was made by Director T. Sandoval and seconded by Director M. Nolasco and approved by a vote of 4/0.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0.

AYES: M. Nolasco, T. Sandoval, D. Garcia-Ruiz, and P. Tabarez

NOES: none

ABSENT: S. Escobedo

- B. **Introduce and Waiver the First Reading of Ordinance Number 2017-2 to Amend Ordinance 2010-3 to Modify the Wastewater Service Capacity Fees- General Manger.** The General Manger briefly introduced Ordinance 2017-2.

Motion to Introduce and Waiver the First Reading of Ordinance Number 2017-2 to Amend Ordinance 2010-3 to Modify the Wastewater Service Capacity Fees was made by Director T. Sandoval and seconded by Director M. Nolasco and approved by a vote of 4/0.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0.

AYES: M. Nolasco, T. Sandoval, D. Garcia-Ruiz, and P. Tabarez

NOES: none

ABSENT: S. Escobedo

- C. **Discussion and Related Action to donate to Dogwood School Drill Team Uniform Fund Raising Efforts - General Manger.**

A motion was made by Director Tony Sandoval and seconded by Director Martin Nolasco, Jr. to contribute \$500 towards the Dogwood School Tall Flag Uniforms.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0.

AYES: M. Nolasco, T. Sandoval, D. Garcia-Ruiz, and P. Tabarez

NOES: none

ABSENT: S. Escobedo

9. OLD BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

A. Award the purchase of a full size diesel truck to Fiesta Ford for the amount of \$39,905.68 – General Manger

A motion was made by Director Tony Sandoval and seconded by Director Pompeyo Tabarez, Jr. to award the purchase of a full size diesel truck to Fiesta Ford.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0.

AYES: M. Nolasco, T. Sandoval, D. Garcia-Ruiz, and P. Tabarez

NOES: none

ABSENT: S. Escobedo

B. Authorized the Submittal of a Request for Proposal to Repair and or Replace Manholes- General Manger

A motion was made by Director Pompeyo Tabarez, Jr., and seconded by Director Tony Sandoval to authorize the submittal of a Request for Proposal to repair and or replace manholes.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0.

AYES: M. Nolasco, T. Sandoval, D. Garcia-Ruiz, and P. Tabarez

NOES: none

ABSENT: S. Escobedo

C. Approve Amendment Number 2 to the State Revolving Fund Financing Agreement to Increase the Loan Amount to \$4,850,000 Reference Project Number DWSRF 14-300 Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project-General Manger

A motion was made by Director Pompeyo Tabarez, Jr., and seconded by Director Tony Sandoval to approve Amendment Number 2 to the State Revolving Fund Finance Agreement to Increase the loan amount to \$4,850,000 for the water treatment plant project.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0.

AYES: M. Nolasco, T. Sandoval, D. Garcia-Ruiz, and P. Tabarez

NOES: none

ABSENT: S. Escobedo

D. **Information Only Review of Draft Contributions for Public Purpose Policy- General Manger**

Direction was given to staff to table this item until May, 2017.

E. **Information only: Update on the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Grant Application – General Manger**

Information was presented.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday @ 8:30 am @ 940 W Main St., El Centro. There will not be a Supervisor's meeting on Feb. 21st or 28th but they will meet every Tuesday in March.

B. CSDA newsletter www.csda.net

11. CLOSED SESSION:

Motion to go in to close session was made at 10:05 pm by Director Tony Sandoval, and seconded by Director Pompeyo Tabarez, Jr.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0.

AYES: M. Nolasco, T. Sandoval, D. Garcia-Ruiz, and P. Tabarez

NOES: none

ABSENT: S. Escobedo

A. **Government Code Section § 54956.9 (b) Conference with Legal Counsel-Potential Litigation.**

Board reconvened from close session at 10:10 pm with no reportable action taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 10:12 pm by Director Tony Sandoval and seconded by Director Pompeyo Tabarez, Jr.

Motion passed by Roll Call:4/0

AYES:

NOES: none

ABSENT: S. Escobedo

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of November 17, 2016 were prepared by Liz German- Senior Office Clerk.

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