

**HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members of the public may attend this meeting in person or via the application Zoom.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM ON MARCH 17, 2020, THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT (California Government Code Section 5485950, et Seq.), and the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

THIS MEETING WILL BE PHYSICALLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THE BOARD MEETING IN PERSON OR VIA THE APPLICATION, ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. YOU MAY ALSO CALL INTO THE MEETING, FOR AUDIO ONLY PARTICIPATION, BY CALLING (760) 336-1572.

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION:

WEBSITE: <https://zoom.us/join>

MEETING ID: 796-978-5637

CALL IN PHONE NUMBER: (760) 336-1572

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by President Tabarez.

2. ROLL CALL:

Board present: P. Tabarez, K. Garcia, M. Cardenas, H. Diaz-Molina, T. Sandoval. Also present, Laura Fischer, General Manager; Adriana Amezcua, Finance Manager; Steve Walker General Counsel; and Raquel Carrillo Board Secretary.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Tabarez.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to Approve the Agenda as presented was made by Director Cardenas, seconded by Director Garcia.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 5/0

AYES: M. Cardenas, K. Garcia, H. Diaz-Molina, T. Sandoval, P. Tabarez.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None at present time.

The Board may set time limits on the amount of time any speaker can use to address the Board. Members of the public can 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 cannot act on any item not on the agenda.

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. Approve Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2021.
- B. Approve Current Demands for March 2021.
- C. Authorize the President to sign a letter in opposition AB 1021, which would alter the governance structure of the IID Board of Directors by adding new members from Riverside County.
- D. Authorize the President to sign a letter to authorize the sale of water via hydrant meter to facilitate a cannabis operation in Mesquite Lake.
- E. Ratify Employment Agreement with General Manager.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Director Cardenas, seconded by Director Diaz-Molina.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 5/0

AYES: M. Cardenas, H. Diaz-Molina, K. Garcia, T. Sandoval, P. Tabarez

7. REPORTS:

- A. President and Director's Comments.

Director Cardenas and Director Molina thanked everyone for attending the BOD meeting. Director Sandoval thanked Laura for including the AB1021 letter in the agenda.

- B. Operations Report for March 2021. Informational Only.
- C. General Manager's Report.

Full report was given to the Board. GM mentioned HPUD planned on not holding any events at present time, might do a grand opening in June for the Recreation Center.

- D. COVID Relief Fund – Utility Bill Delinquency Grant Program.
GM, Laura Fischer gave a brief update on the status of the COVID Relief Fund regarding HPUD customers affected by the pandemic.

8. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Adopt Calendar for Meetings to Review the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget – General Manager.
Board of Director and Staff set a date to Review the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget May 13th, 2021 and June 3rd at 6:00pm.
- B. Review and Amend the Strategic Plan – General Manager.
GM Laura Fischer briefly reviewed the Strategic Plan with BOD.

9. OLD BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. PowerPoint Presentation Regarding Website Update – Codexperts, Ricardo Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez gave a quick update on HPUD website, also mentioned that he sent Test Drive Version so the Board can have a feel of the new website.
- B. Recreation Center Update – General Manager.
General Manger gave a quick update on when the Recreation Center is expected to be completed, planning on a Grand Opening tentative for June. Juny from the Holt Group mentioned the Contractor is ready with scope of work and installed gates to the back side of the Rec Center for security.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday. You can listen and watch the proceedings: <https://imperialcounty.org/bosagendas>. You must contact the Clerk of the Board on Monday before the meeting if you want to participate.

B. CSDA newsletter www.csda.net.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

The Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm was made by Director Cardenas, seconded by Director Sandoval.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 5/0

AYES: M. Cardenas, T. Sandoval, K. Garcia, H. Diaz-Molina, P. Tabarez

Minutes for the April 15, 2021 meeting were prepared by Raquel Carrillo – Clerk of the Board

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