

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104
Heber, CA 92249

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION:

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

MEETING ID: 796-978-5637

CALL IN PHONE NUMBER: 1 (669) 900-6833 or 1 (760) 336-1572

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL: Those attending the meeting included, Vice-President Diaz-Molina, Director Sandoval and Director Tabarez. Also, in attendance were General Manager, Madeline Dessert, General Counsel, Steve Walker, Chief Operator, Francisco Rodriguez and Finance Manager, Luis Carrasco. President Matus and Director Garcia were absent.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice President Diaz-Molina led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: There was a motion to approve the agenda by Director Tabarez, seconded by Director Sandoval.

The motion was approved by roll call vote of 3-0

AYES: Vice-President Diaz-Molina, Director Sandoval, Director Tabarez

NOES: None

ABSENT: President Matus, Director Garcia

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public Comments were made by both Mr. Tito Huerta and Mr. Edgar Hernandez requesting a basketball hoop be added to Tito Huerta Park to prevent kids from playing in the street. The general speed of traffic and safety of pedestrians and the possibility of installing speed bumps was also brought up.

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 speak to the Board Clerk or General Manager during the meeting and when recognized by the President of the Board address the Board. The Board can't take action on any item not on the agenda.

6. CONSENT AGENDA: There was a motion to approve the agenda by Director Tabarez, seconded by Director Sandoval.

The motion was approved by roll call vote of 3-0

AYES: Vice-President Diaz-Molina, Director Sandoval, Director Tabarez

NOES: None

ABSENT: President Matus, Director Garcia

- A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting on February 15, 2024
- B. Approve Current Demands for February 2024

7. REPORTS:

- A. President and Director’s Comments: Director Sandoval expressed his deepest gratitude to HPUD staff members, Marco Rosas and Jose Rodriguez who assisted two senior residents after they were struck by a car.
- B. Operations Report for February 2024: Presented with no additional comments
- C. General Manager’s Report: Presented with no additional comments
- D. Grants Update: This item was presented with the addition of an updated timeline for Children’s Park

8. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Authorize the Board President to sign a letter in **support of Senate Bill 1309** to Senator Steve Padilla: Item was tabled with the request to be brought back at the April 18 meeting
- B. Information Only: Update on Children’s Park: Director Sandoval asked for an update on Corell Park and when that project will begin.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- GM to Waive Ordinance 222 to allow the sale and consumption of alcohol at Tito Park for a one day event on May 11, 2024. Wasupwu will be hosting a Free community event to celebrate Mothers Day.
- The State of the County is scheduled for March 21 at 5:30 pm at Prestige Event Center in Heber
- HPUD Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place March 28, 2024 5:00 – 8:00 pm
- Next Community Clean Up Day scheduled for April 27, 2024 7:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Reminder: Please file form 700s with the County Registrar of Voters – DEADLINE April 2, 2024.**

10. CLOSED SESSION:

To ensure privacy during Closed Session, we will observe the following procedures:

- The Board President will enter Closed Session. Members of the public will exit the boardroom.

- A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54957(b))
General Manager

I, Madeline Dessert, hereby certify that the agenda for the Heber Public Utility District Board Meeting of March 19, 2024 at 6pm, was posted on March 14th, 2024 at 12:30pm at the Heber Public Utility District Office and online at www.heber.ca.gov.

B. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code § 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: General Manager, General

Direction given to General Counsel with respect to an amendment to General Managers Contract.p Direction given to labor negotiator. The Board exited closed session at 7:53 pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Director Sandoval adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM