

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104
Heber, CA 92249

MINUTES

Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Diaz-Molina Called the Meeting to Order at 6:03pm
2. **ROLL CALL:** All those present included: President Helen Diaz-Molina, Vice-President Pompeyo Tabarez, Director Tony Sandoval, General Counsel Steven Walker, General Manager Madeline Dessert, Grants Manager Jacob Bermudez.
Absentee: Director Delfino Matus and Director Kaine Garcia
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Diaz-Molina led the Pledge of Allegiance
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Vice-President Tabarez motioned to approve the approval of the agenda. Director Sandoval seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / Absentee: Director Matus and Director Garcia
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No Public Comments were received.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Vice-President Tabarez motioned to approve the approval of the agenda. Director Sandoval seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / Absentee: Director Matus and Director Garcia
 - A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting on February 20, 2025
 - B. Approval of Current Demands for February 2025
7. **REPORTS:**
 - A. President and Director's Comments – Director Sandoval shared a summary on the General Managers meeting with the County of Imperial to Discuss the current status of Children's Park.
 - B. Operations Report for February 2025 – Presented with no additions
 - C. General Manager's Report – Presented with no additions
 - D. Grants Update – Present with no additions
8. **NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action**
 - A. Presentation regarding Senate Bill 534 – District Representative, 18th District – Presented with no additions
 - B. Authorize the Board President to sign a letter of support of Senate Bill 534 to Senator Steve Padilla – Director Sandoval motioned to approve the Board President to sign the letter of support of Senate Bill 534. President Diaz-

Molina seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 Absentee: Director Matus and Director Garcia

- C. Adopt Resolution 2025-02 to authorize the General Manager to approve the submittal of grant applications – Director Sandoval motioned to Adopt Resolution 2025-02. President Diaz-Molina seconded the motion. Motion approved. AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 Absentee Director Matus and Director Garcia
- D. Approve Change to the Equipment Outlay Reference Number WD-01 in the approved Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget to fund the purchase of a 1,550 Gallon Tank- Director Sandoval motioned to approve the Change to the Equipment Outlay. President Molina seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 Absentee: Director Matus and Director Garcia.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Easter Egg Hunt – Thursday, April 17, 2025 from 5pm to 8pm
- B. El Toro is accepting applications for the Heber Community Student Scholarship – Applications close May 5, 2025
- C. Imperial County Area Agency on Aging Public Hearing March 26, 2025 Heber Community Center at 9:00am

10. CLOSED SESSION: Director Sandoval motioned to approve the board to enter closed session at 6:22pm. Vice-President Tabarez seconded the motion. Motion approved. AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 Absentee: Director Matus and Director Garcia.

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. Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d) – General Manager
- B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54957) General Manager

No reportable action was taken. Direction given to staff.

Director Sandoval motioned to exit closed session at 6:41pm. Vice-President seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 Absentee Director Matus and Director Garcia.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Director Sandoval motioned to adjourn the Board of Director regularly scheduled meeting at 6:48pm. Vice-President seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 Absentee Director Matus and Director Garcia.