

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

MINUTES

Thursday, April 20, 2023 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:** Meeting called to order at 6:03 by President Sandoval.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Those attending the meeting included President Sandoval, Vice-President Diaz-Molina, Director Matus, Director Tabarez, and Director Garcia. Also in attendance were General Manager, Madeline Dessert, General Counsel, Steve Walker, Finance Manager, Adriana Amezcua, and Office Manager, Moises Cardenas.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** General Counsel Steve Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** There was a motion to approve the agenda by Vice-President Diaz-Molina, seconded by Director Tabarez.
The motion was approved by roll call vote of 5-0.
AYES: President Sandoval, Vice-President Diaz-Molina, Director Matus, Director Tabarez, Director Garcia
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Sarah Curry- 29 W Mallard- Ms. Curry thanked Ms. Dessert for following up with her regarding street cleaning services and voiced her concern about the County of Imperial not provided the service.

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 Consent Agenda by Director Tabarez, seconded by Director Matus.
The motion was approved by roll call vote of 5-0.
AYES: President Sandoval, Vice-President Diaz-Molina, Director Matus, Director Tabarez, Director Garcia
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting March 16, 2023

- B. Approve Current Demands for March 2023

7. REPORTS:

- A. President and Director's Comments

Director Garcia mentioned that he attended the Imperial County Board of Supervisors meeting and provided an update on the Miraluz development and how they are looking into cost saving measures by switching from a signalization to a roundabout on Pitzer Road.

President Sandoval added to the Miraluz development comments and spoke about how he and the General Manager received a request from Chelsea development for a fee deferral loan, and how it is not currently viable to explore that option.

- B. Operations Report for March 2023

Vice-President Diaz-Molina requested a report on necessary repairs needed at the Water Treatment Plant.

- C. General Manager's Report

General Manager Madeline Dessert thanked staff for their efforts at the successful Easter Egg Hunt event. She also thanked Imperial County Fire Department for their assistance at Tito Huerta Park changing field lights for the baseball field.

- D. Grants Update

The Grants Update was presented with no additional comment.

8. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Information Only- Third Quarter Budget Report- General Manager

The Third Quarter Budget Report was presented with no additional comment.

- B. Information Only- LAIF Update- Finance Manager

The LAIF Update was presented with no additional comment.

- C. Adopt the Calendar of Meetings Necessary to Review the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget- General Manager

The Board of Directors gave direction to staff to set Special Meeting for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget on May 30th, 2023 and on June 6, 2023.

- D. Information Only-Recreation Center Policy Update- General Manager

The Board of Directors gave direction to staff to bring back this item for approval at the May 2023 meeting.

9. OLD BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Information Only- HPUD Scholarship Program Ad Hoc Committee- General Manager

HPUD Scholarship Program Ad Hoc Committee was presented with no additional comment.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Prop 218 protest period was open from January 27, 2023 to March 16, 2023 (49 days). HPUD mailed out letters to property owners and tenants informing them about the potential trash rate increase. There were 46 written protests that were turned in before the March Regular Board of Directors Meeting, and there were 2 written protests turned in at the March Regular Meeting. 48 total written protests were received and certified by HPUD. There was a total of 842 written protests needed. HPUD did not receive enough written protests to halt implementation of the trash rates.

The Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday. You can listen and watch the proceedings <https://board.imperialcounty.org/>.

CSDA newsletter is available at www.csda.net.

11. CLOSED SESSION: President Sandoval went into closed session at 6:30pm.

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

- A separate, private Zoom meeting for Closed Session will be created.
- Once a motion to move to Closed Session is approved, participants joining Closed Session will exit the public meeting and join the private Closed Session meeting.
- Once Closed Session is complete, participants will leave the private zoom meeting and re-join the public and adjournment.
 - A. Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1))
 - 1 Case: Empire Cat
 - B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54957(b))
 - General Manager

There was no reportable action during closed session.

12. ADJOURNMENT: President Sandoval adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm.