

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104
Heber, CA 92249

MINUTES

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

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by President Diaz-Molina at 6:03pm
2. **ROLL CALL:** Those present included: President Helen Diaz-Molina, Vice-President Pompeyo Tabarez, Director Tony Sandoval, Director Delfino Matus, General Counsel Steve Walker, General Manager Madeline Dessert, Finance Manager Luis Carrasco, Grants Manager Jacob Bermudez. Absentee: Director Kaine Garcia
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Helen Diaz-Molina led the pledge of allegiance
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Director Tabarez motioned to approve the agenda. Director Sandoval seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 4 / NOES: 0 Absentee: Director Garcia
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Sarah Curry stated her concerns regarding the Christmas lights located on Heber Ave and the nonfunctional lights on HWY 86 and McCabe Road. Ms. Curry also expressed her concerns towards IID rate increase and when a rate increase should be anticipated for HPUD.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Director Matus motioned to approve the consent agenda. Director Sandoval seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 4 / NOES: 0 Absentee Director Garcia.
 - A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting on January 16, 2025
 - B. Approval of Current Demands for January 2025
 - C. Ratify Amendment to the Employment Contract with Madeline Dessert, General Manager

7. **REPORTS:**

- A. President and Director's Comments – Director Sandoval provided a update regarding the Christmas lights on Heber Ave., and the nonfunctional lights located on HWY 86 and McCabe Rd. In response to Ms. Curry's public comment Director Sandoval provided an update on the IID rate increase and the HPUD rate increase.

- B. Operations Report for January 2025 – Presented with no additions
- C. General Manager’s Report – Presented with no additions
- D. Grants Update – Present with no additions

Director Garcia joined the meeting at 6:31pm

8. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Accept the Independent Auditors Report in Refence to Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and direct staff to file- Nigro & Nigro Auditor for HPUD – Director Sandoval Motioned to approve the auditors report. Director Garcia seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 5 / NOES: 0
- B. Approval of Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 – Director Garcia motioned to approve the budget amendment. Director Sandoval seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 5 / NOES: 0
- C. Information Only CR&R 4th quarter Report – Presented with no additions

9. OLD BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- D. Adopt Resolution 2025-01 to update the Facility Use Policy – Director Garcia motioned to approve Resolution 2025-01. Director Sandoval seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 5 NOES: 0

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Change of Board of Supervisors meeting time - BoS open session now at 1pm – Presented with no additions
- B. Ironwood Transmission Line Open House - Heber Community Center Feb. 19th at 6pm – 8pm – Presented with no additions

11. CLOSED SESSION: Vice-President Tabarez motion to enter closed session at 6:57pm. Director Garcia seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 5 / NOES: 0

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
- C. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code § 54956.8)
 - I. Property Accessor Parcel No. 054-645-003

No reportable action was taken- Direction given to staff
Closed session ended at 7:32pm

12. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm