

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104
Heber, CA 92249

MINUTES

Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by President Diaz-Molina at 6:01pm
2. **ROLL CALL:** All those present included President Helen Diaz-Molina, Director Tony Sandoval, Director Delfino Matus, General Counsel Steve Walker, General Manager Madeline Dessert, Finance Manager Luis Carrasco, Grants Manager Jacob Bermudez
Absentee: Vice President Pompeyo Tabarez (joined at 6:43pm) and Director Kaine Garcia
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Diaz-Molina led the Pledge of Allegiance
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Director Sandoval motioned to approve the modified agenda to have Special Presentation after Consent Agenda. Director Matus seconded the motion. Motion approved. AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / Absentee: Vice President Tabarez and Director Garcia
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - I. Lizzie Cardenas from Heber School provided a public comment to recognize the Heber School Chess Club and requested a sponsorship. The Heber School Chess Club won first and second place at a state championship.
 - II. Sarah Curry provided an update on the streetlight located on McCabe Rd. and HWY 86. Ms. Curry stated that she will work on the streetlights that are located on McCabe Rd. and Dogwood Rd. Additionally Ms. Curry requested an update on the street sweepers.
 - III. Sergio Ojeda provided a public comment regarding a potential mural project that will be implemented in Heber by Kennedys Market. Mr. Ojeda would like the support of HPUD and the community on the proposed project.
 - IV. Obet Maina provided a public comment to request a donation for a baseball tournament in New York in which he will be attending. Mr. Maina is the only local baseball player that will be attending this tournament and will be representing the Imperial Valley.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Director Sandoval motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Matus seconded the motion. Motion approved. AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / Absentee Vice President Tabarez and Director Garcia.
 - A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting on March 20, 2025
 - B. Approval of Current Demands for March 2025
 - C. Ratify Amendment to Agreement for Legal Services with Steven M. Walker, and Walker & Driskill, PLC
7. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

- A. Imperial Irrigation District Customer Programs Presentation - Isis Montes, Officer, Customer Service and Sabrina Barber Manager, Distribution Services & Maintenance Operations provided a presentation on IID programs that are available to rate payers that assist with the overall cost on their monthly bill.

- **Vice President Tabarez joined the meeting at 6:43pm**

8. REPORTS:

- A. President and Director's Comments – No report
- B. Operations Report for March 2025 – Reported with no additions
- C. General Manager's Report – Reported with no additions
- D. Grants Update – Reported with no additions

9. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Discussion and Possible Action to Accept the Proposed Rate Increase by Solid Waste Hauler, CR&R Incorporated as Indicated in Contract Director Sandoval motioned to approve the proposed rate increase by CR&R. Director Matus seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 4 / NOES: 0 / Absentee Director Garcia
- B. Resolution 2025-03 Authorize the General Manager to Sign Cal OES Applications on Behalf of the Heber Public Utility District – Director Sandoval Motioned to approve Resolution 2025-03. Vice President Tabarez seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 4 / NOES: 0 / Absentee: Director Garcia
- C. Information Only: Third Quarter Budget Review – Presented with no additions
- D. Adopt the Calendar of Meetings Necessary to Review the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget – Director Sandoval motioned to approve the calendar to review the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Director Matus seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 4 / NOES: 0 / Absentee Director Garcia.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Easter Egg Hunt Thursday, April 17th, 2025 5:00pm to 8:00pm
- B. Special District Week – May 19th to May 23rd, 2025

11. CLOSED SESSION: Director Sandoval motioned to enter closed session at 7:20pm. President Diaz-Molina seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 4 / NOES: 0 / Absentee: Director Kaine.

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

Direction was given to staff. No reportable action was taken.

Board exited closed session at 7:34pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm