

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104
Heber, CA 92249

Minutes

Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The District recognizes its obligation to provide equal access to those individuals with disabilities. Please contact the District (760-482-2440) two working days prior to the meeting with any special requests for reasonable accommodation including translation services. **COMUNÍQUESE CON EL DISTRITO SI SOLICITA SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCIÓN SOBRE UN TEMA PARTICULAR DE LA AGENDA. TODAS LAS SOLICITUDES DEBERÁN REALIZARSE POR ESCRITO DOS DÍAS HÁBILES ANTES DE LA JUNTA.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President Pompeyo Tabarez Called the Meeting to Order At 6:00pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** All Those Present Included Vice President Pompeyo Tabarez, Director Delfino Matus, Director Tony Sandoval, General Counsel Steve Walker, General Manager Madeline Dessert, Finance Manager Luis Carrazco, Grants Manager Jacob Bermudez.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice President Tabarez Led the Pledge of Allegiance
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Director Sandoval Motioned to Approve the Modified Agenda to Include Items 8.A, 8.B, 8.E, 8.H, And 8.I On Consent Agenda and Item 8.G To Be Presented After Consent Agenda. Director Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved: AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: President Diaz-Molina, Director Garcia
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No Public Comments Received.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Director Sandoval Motioned to Approve the Modified Consent Agenda. Director Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: President Diaz-Molina, Director Kaine.
 - A. Approval of The Minutes for The Regular Meeting on May 15, 2025
 - B. Approval of The Minutes for The Special Meeting on May 29, 2025
 - C. Approval of Current Demands for May 2025
 - D. Authorize Three Operators to Attend Tri-State Training in Searchlight Nevada For Certification Training August 4th Through August 7th 2025.
 - E. Ratify Amendment to Agreement for Professional Engineering Service Between the Heber Public Utility District and The Holt Group – General Manager

8.A Sponsorship Request for The Imperial County Sheriff's Activities League – General Manager

8.B Adopt the Revised Board of Directors Meeting Calendar For 2025 Calendar Year – General Manager

8.E Authorize Extension of Auditor Services with Nigro & Nigro PC – General Manager

8.H Authorize the General Manger to Sign an Agreement with The Imperial Irrigation District for The Public Green Spaces Grant in The Amount \$35,000 – General Manager

8.I Authorize Board President to Sign Letter to The County of Imperial Board of Supervisors Regarding Property Tax Apportionment Miscalculation.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action:

8.G Award The 7th Street Water Pipeline Project to The Lowest, Responsive and Responsible Bidder, ROVE Engineering Inc., Contingent on Final Review and Approval - Director Sandoval Motioned to Approve the Bid for ROVE Engineering in The Amount \$345,075 with a Contingency Of \$95,725 Per Change Order. Director Delfino Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: President Diaz-Molina, Director Garcia

7. REPORTS:

- A. President and Director's Comments – Vice President Tabarez Requested Staff to No Longer Live Stream Meetings Via Zoom
- B. Operations Report for May 2025 – Presented with No Additions
- C. General Manager's Report – GM Updated the Board of Directors on The Status of The Meter Project
- D. Grants Update – Presented with No Additions

8. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Sponsorship Request for The Imperial County Sheriff's Activities League – General Manager*
- B. Adopt the Revised Board of Directors Meeting Calendar For 2025 Calendar Year – General Manager*
- C. Authorize HPUD Staff to Purchase A Display Sign for The Recreation Center Not to Exceed \$20,800.00 – Director Sandoval Motioned to Approve the Purchase of a Display Sign for The Recreation Center. Director Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: President Diaz-Molina, Director Garcia.
- D. Information Only: Consumption Comparison Between Single Family Homes and Multi-Family Units – Presented with No Additions.
- E. Authorize Extension of Auditor Services with Nigro & Nigro PC – General Manager*
- F. Adopt Resolution Number 2025-03 To Adopt Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget – Director Sandoval Motioned to Approved Resolution 2025-03 To Adopt Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Director Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved: AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: President Diaz-Molina, Director Garcia.

- G. Award The 7th Street Water Pipeline Project to The Lowest, Responsive and Responsible Bidder, ROVE Engineering Inc., Contingent on Final Review and Approval - General Manager*
- H. Authorize the General Manger to Sign an Agreement with The Imperial Irrigation District for The Public Green Spaces Grant in The Amount \$35,000 – General Manager*
- I. Authorize Board President to Sign Letter to The County of Imperial Board of Supervisors Regarding Property Tax Apportionment Miscalculation.*

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Office Will Be Closed on Thursday, June 19, 2025 In Observance of Juneteenth

10. CLOSED SESSION: Director Sandoval Motion to Enter Closed Session At 6:26pm. Director Matus Secoded the Motion. Motion Approved: AYES: 3 / NOES: 0 / ABSENTEE: President Diaz-Molina, 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) Two (2) Matters – General Manager

B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54957) General Manager

No Reportable Action Was Taken. Direction Was Given to Staff.

The Board Exited Closed Session at 7:24pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was Adjourned at 7:25pm