

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104
Heber, CA 92249

MINUTES

Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by President Matus at 6:01pm. The HPUD Board meeting for June 20, 2024 was dedicated in loving memory to Retired Police Chief Pompeyo Tabarez Sr.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Those present at the meeting included: President Delfino Matus, Vice-President Helen Diaz-Molina, General Counsel Steve Walker, General Manager Madeline Dessert, Finance Manager Luis Carrazco, Grants Manager Jacob Bermudez, Director Tony Sandoval joined virtually
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Matus led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Vice-President Diaz-Molina motioned to approve the agenda. Director Tabarez seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 4 / NOES:0 / Absentees: Director Garcia
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Supervisor Luis Plancarte provided background on the proposed greenbelt project for Heber. Supervisor Plancarte discussed the turnover rate on a grant opportunity that was proposed for the greenbelt and the logistics of greenbelt. Supervisor Plancarte also discussed the tax sharing agreement between the County of Imperial and the Heber Public Utility District.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Vice-President Diaz-Molina motioned to approve this item. Director Tabarez seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 4 / NOES:0 / Absentees: Director Garcia
 - A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting on May 16, 2024
 - B. Approve Current Demands for May 2024
 - C. Authorize three operators to attend **Tri-State training** in Searchlight Nevada for certification training August 5th through August 8th 2024.
 - D. Authorize HPUD Board of Directors to go Dark in July and cancel regularly scheduled board meeting for July 2024

Director Garcia Joins the Board of Director meeting at 6:26pm

7. REPORTS

- A. President and Director’s Comments: Vice-President Diaz-Molina recognized the SoCal Elite soccer team for their achievement in winning first place at the national level in Missouri.
- B. Operations Report for May 2024: Presented with no further comments.
- C. General Manager’s Report: Presented with no further comments.
- D. Grants Update: Presented with no further comments.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Adopt Resolution Number 2024-04 Calling and Giving Notice of Election; and Resolution Number 2024- 05 Requesting to Consolidate a District Election with the Statewide General Election – Director Garcia motioned to approve this item. Vice-President Diaz-Molina seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 5 / NOES:0
- B. Adopt Resolution 2024-08 to Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Heber Public Utility District and Natural Resources Technical Association (NRTA) – Director Garcia motioned to approve this item. President Matus seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 5 / NOES:0
- C. Adopt Resolution Number 2024-07 to Adopt the Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-25 – Director Garcia motioned to approve this item. Director Tabarez seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 5 / NOES:0
- D. Adopt Resolution Number 2024-06 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget – Director Garcia motioned to approve this item. President Matus seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 5 / NOES:0

9. OLD BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding changes to HPUD Policy Manual Policy #2601, Meeting Stipend – Director Sandoval motioned to approve this item. Director Garcia seconded the motion. Motion approved AYES: 4 / NOES:1

10. ANNOUCEMENTS:

CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase will be held September 11 – September 12, 2024 in Indian Well. – President Matus, Vice-President Diaz-Molina, and Director Garcia all stated interest in attending this conference.

11. CLOSED SESSION: Commenced at 7:00pm

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. No action.

A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54957(b))

General Manager

B. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code § 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Adoption of the new NRTA.

C. Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)) : General Counsel announced in open session the following action was taken: Director Tabarez motioned to grant the office staff the same salary increase as the NRTA represented staff. Motion was seconded by Director Garcia. Motion approved AYES: 5 / NOES: 0

Closed Session ended at 7:35pm

12. ADJOURNMENT: meeting adjourned at 7:36pm