

CLOVIS VETERANS MEMORIAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Clovis Veterans Memorial District Board of Directors was held on August 1, 2019 in Veterans Room A/B. Chairman Tom Wright called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM followed by the flag salute.

Members present:

Chairman Wright

Director Watnick

Director Flach

Director Frantzich

Director Rice

**1. Consent Agenda**

Director Rice motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, Director Flach seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Ayes: Flach, Frantzich, Rice, Watnick, Wright

a. **Approval of Agenda**

b. **Approval of Minutes**

c. **Approval of Warrants**

**2. Public Presentations**

Gerald Hayden, Vice Commander for VFW Post 3225 discussed the success of their fireworks stand and thanked the Board for allowing their organization to use District property.

**3. Agenda Items:**

a. **Project Updates**

Ms. Whitacre updated the board on capital improvement projects, including the projectors and lifts. They have been completed in all rooms except the Veterans Room, which need short throw projectors. The alarm panel is up and running and works congruently with the access control system. The staff is still waiting on a quote to install the ADA compliant west entrance and south lobby project. Staff is finishing the contract for the facility exterior painting. Staff received the timeline and locations for installation of new wireless access points. CEO Rios discussed the CHC mural updates based on feedback from the Board. The Architect provided the updated mural design and provided a modified mural for the West side entrance which reflect the District's memorials and statues. CEO Rios stated that there should be something that would identify the District on the large west side of the mural. Director Watnick asked what the permanency of the mural is. CEO Rios stated one option is to paint the mural or adhere a vinyl mural, which would allow easier updates to be made to the mural. CEO Rios discussed

the differences in the updated mural versus the original design. Director Frantzich stated that the image of the bucking horse on the west elevation is out of place. Director Watnick agreed. Chairman Wright suggested including the Miss Winkles sculpture in the mural. CEO Rios said we will put the City of Clovis bucking horse icon on the water tower on the east elevation. The Miss Winkles statue image will be added on the west elevation where the bucking horse was. The District crest will be added in between the windows on the west elevation north end. CEO Rios suggested placing either our logo crest or "Heritage Center" text on the large face of the west elevation. The Board preferred the words "Heritage Center." PG&E won't allow the District to paint the power boxes. on the south end of the warehouse. Director Watnick stated that the timeline of the wars depicted on the mural should be seen left to right instead of right to left. CEO Rios stated that the intent of the mural is to depict a story that is told starting with the north end of the east elevation and wraps around to the west side. CEO Rios and Director Watnick discussed adding images of space on the west elevation on the north end to denote the future. Director Rice stated that he does not like the flag on the west elevation mural north end. Dr. Rice preferred the Preamble to be placed instead of the flag imagery. CEO Rios stated that staff has modified the relationship with Mark Wilson construction and they will now operate as a CM multiprime instead of CM At-Risk. This means that all contracts will go through the District instead of Mark Wilson Construction. All bids will need to be sent back out and posted with the Fresno Bee, Business Journal, and Builders exchange in compliance with public law. Staff requested special meeting with the Board to allow staff to review and recommend bids and contractors. The special board meeting will be held on August 20th at 10am. Chairman Wright asked about the overall timeline for the Heritage Center. CEO Rios stated that Phase I should be completed by November.

#### **4. Administrative Reports**

##### **a. FY20 County Bank Forms**

Ms. Whitacre discussed the FY20 County Bank form. Board signatures are required to be used for signing all checks.

##### **b. 9/11 Pelco Event & Exhibition**

CEO Rios discussed the Pelco 9/11 event and stated that the District is a sponsor. There is a competition within local schools for an art and essay contest and the entries will be displayed in our facility in late August to bring awareness about the significance of 9/11 in our history. At Pelco they are constructing a new memorial of the Twin Towers and Pentagon. This event is part of District engagement with the community to ensure 9/11 is never forgotten.

##### **c. CEO Updates**

CEO Rios will participate in Devin Nunes' podcast to discuss District activities and Veterans issues.

##### **d. Administrative/Operational Updates**

Ms. Whitacre stated that the District is hiring operation team members. Nico Moreno left the District to go back to school. Staff is preparing for the financial audit and focused on closing out FY19. Water bottle filling stations will be installed in the facility. Polo shirts for Board Members are being ordered. The District will participate with a booth for Clovis Night Out and Clovis Fest. Staff is preparing for the Halloween Spooktacular event and Veterans Day.

e. **Calendar of Events**

Sarah Wood provided the Board with an updated calendar of events and discussed upcoming programs.

5. **Board Items:**

Director Frantzich asked about the 299 building sign that was fixed. CEO Rios stated new wood and paint was installed.

6. **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Wright adjourned the meeting at 9:58am.

Reviewed by  
Lorenzo Rios  
CEO

Approved by  
August Flach  
Board Secretary