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**MINUTES  
COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 – 3 p.m.  
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427**

1. President Hedberg called the Committee of the Board meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. The roll call showed a quorum of the board present: Directors Hedberg, McMillan, Verbeke and Gracyk. Director Scalzitti was absent.

Staff present: Lugo, Miller, Bryant, Olney, Tomasulo, Janzen, Doubrava, Uhrhammer, Haley, Garuba, Malkin, Ross, Dambrose, Curtis, Lyford, Berens and Okewole.

At 3 p.m., the boardroom filled with Helix Water District employees, retirees and family of Human Resources Manager Sue Fox in honor of her 30-year service award.

Others present: The Water Conservation Garden Executive Director Elyssa Robertson was present.

2. Director Gracyk led the Pledge of Allegiance. No invocation was provided.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. The agenda was approved 4:0.

Motion: Gracyk  
Second: Verbeke  
Absent: Scalzitti  
Ayes: Hedberg, McMillan, Verbeke, Gracyk

4. President Hedberg provided opportunity for members of the public to address the board on any item under the subject matter jurisdiction of the district. There were no public comments.

**DISCUSSION**

5. Human Resources Manager Sue Fox received an award for 30 years of service with the district. Family, retirees and employees joined Ms. Fox. Director of Administrative

Services Jennifer C. Bryant introduced Ms. Fox. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo provided background information; Director Gracyk presented a framed certificate. Ms. Fox introduced and thanked her family, the retirees, district staff and the board for maintaining a culture built on trust and the highest of employee standards.

President Hedberg adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m. for service award photographs. President Hedberg reconvened the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

6. The board received a PowerPoint presentation recognizing Kaitlyn Medland as the 2018 recipient of the Dr. Lillian M. Childs Scholarship and Oscar Mesa as the 2018 recipient of the Robert D. Friedgen Scholarship from Senior Public Affairs Representative Michael J. Uhrhammer. Ms. Childs and Mr. Friedgen each congratulated the recipients and provided words of wisdom. Director Gracyk presented the certificates and the checks in the amount of \$1,000. Photographs were taken. There were no public comments.

Director Scalzitti arrived at 3:53 p.m.

7. The board received a PowerPoint presentation from Senior Public Affairs Representative Michelle M. Curtis naming the winners of the district's annual high school photo contest. The following students were awarded:

Amanda Leffakis	Best in Show	Black and White	\$250
Jocelyn Long	First Place	Black and White	\$200
Lena Roberts	Second Place	Black and White	\$100
Jacob Vargas	Third Place	Black and White	\$50
Jocelyn Bustamante	Honorable Mention	Black and White	\$25
Mark Reynolds	First Place	Color	\$200
Jaqueline Aguilar	Second Place	Color	\$100
Stephanie Cuellar	Third Place	Color	\$50
Sam Guzman	Honorable Mention	Color	\$25
Amanda Dougherty	Honorable Mention	Color	\$25

The students also received a certificate, district bag, flash drive, ribbon and congratulations from the board and staff. Photographs were taken.

President Hedberg adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m. to change the room setup prior to conducting a workshop.

President Hedberg reconvened the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

8. The board conducted a Lake Jennings Future Improvements Workshop. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo and Director of Water Quality/System Operations Brain M. Olney provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions. Discussion ensued. Each board members comments were captured on a flip chart in an effort to reach consensus. The board agreed to utilize funding from the Lake Jennings reserve to fund a consultant to

evaluate options for a destination venue for weddings and events, boat dock improvements, electrical upgrades and possible upgrades to one area. Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant will explore funding options with district counsel. All findings will be brought to the Water Quality and Resources Committee meeting prior to the full board.

Director Gracyk left the meeting at 5:19 p.m. and returned at 5:25 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

7. President Hedberg adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

  
Kathleen Coates Hedberg, President

**ATTEST:**

  
Sandra L. Janzen, Board Secretary