



DINUBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes

249 S. ALTA DINUBA, CA. 93618
Wednesday February 11, 2026, 10 a.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLEMENTE ZUNIGA, President -p

MELVIN K. GONG, Secretary-p

ROBERT OLIVAS, Director-A

KRISTOPHER RIVERA, Director-p Arrived 10:10 am

REYNALDO HEREVIA, Director-p

JERRY CARTER, Manager-p

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
2. **PRESENTATION(S):**
 - a. Audit Presentation - Postponed
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Jan 14, 2026; Motioned Rey_ 2nd_Mel, Approved with corrections to his comment by adding Rey's comment, in Gong's editorial under directors' comment, stating he had observed Jerry's dispute with a veteran.
4. **CURRENT MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Gen Fund \$ 24,045.50; Deposit Acct. \$ 2,776.00
County \$287,173.24
Total \$313,994.74

 - a. Approve: Motioned Kris 2nd_Mel_ Approved
5. **CURRENT MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - a. Auditor postpone until next month.
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Status of audits—Auditor's presentation of Audits for Fiscal Years 2019 to 2024. (Action) Pushed to next month.
7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Ruth Padilla- discuss relationships between Board of Directors, Managers, and Wall Committee. Ruthie presented an overview of projects being worked on by the Wall Association. Firstly, the Daughters of the American Revolution is doing plaque dedication February 21, 2026, 10 am. She said a company call Green Clean recommended some restoration ideas to enhance the Wall appearance and longevity. The Wall Association obtain liability insurance. Clem suggested if the Wall Association can turn over maintenance to the Memorial Board and they can focus on education the public about Vietnam conflict.
- b. Bids on stump grinding. Three bids were submitted, all has contractor license and are insured. See attached bids. Gong suggested stump remove is same with all company, and proposed to take the lowest bid, action to take the Bid submitted by Ricardo's Yard Care, for \$4,500. Motioned by Mel and second by Rey. Motion pass to use Ricardo's Yard Care to remove stumps.

8. CHAIR/DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

Melvin Gong- Discussion regarding misuse of public funds. Gong did a short presentation to educate Board about using public funds. In the public sector, California's Constitution specifically **prohibits** "gifts" of public resources, often referred to as the ban on "gifts of public funds." It also applies to gifts from either an agency or its officials to private citizens or organizations. **What are the exceptions – see below?**

The California Constitution prohibits "gifts" of public resources, commonly known as the ban on "gifts of public funds." However, there are exceptions to this rule. Some exceptions include:

1. **Public Purpose:** Public funds can be used to sponsor concerts if they serve a public purpose, such as promoting tourism, supporting local businesses, or enhancing the community's cultural life.
2. **Economic Development:** Public funds can be used to sponsor concerts that contribute to economic development, such as attracting visitors, generating revenue for local businesses, and creating job opportunities.
3. **Community Events:** Public funds can be used to sponsor concerts that are part of community events aimed at benefiting the public, such as festivals, fairs, or celebrations.

It's important to note that the use of public funds for sponsoring concerts should be in compliance with **applicable laws, regulations, and policies.**

When in doubt talk to our lawyers—but get Board permission.

9. **Future agenda items:** Curtains

10. **Adjournment:** 10:47am: Motioned by Rey 2nd Clem

Respectively submitted

Melvin K Gong

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Secretary, Dinuba Veterans Memorial District



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**1. APPROVAL OF CLOSE SESSION MINUTES: President edited
corrections: Board president wish to apology that it took seven
month to bring this incident to the Board.**

Jan 14, 2026, Close Session; Motioned __Ray 2nd_Clem_Approved

2. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Continue incident between Herevia and Carter from June 11, 2025. Herevia submitted and Affidavit (Sworn Statement) to the Board. Clem stand on the comment he heard Herevia said, "To take it outside"; Herevia reiterate what he said on his Affidavit. Carter address Herevia comments as untrue. Gong, said para 5, regarding Rey repeated request to Carter, should be addressed directly to the President of the Board—per bylaws. Gong also said throwing the document in front of Rey in a disrespectful manner is an opinion and not facts as stated in the Affidavit. And since Ms., Padilla provided no written information to the board or a statement, it is hearsay. **Correction to minutes provided by Rey: Rey's sworn testimony is attached to this Minutes; but Ruthie comment on his sworn statement is still hearsay since what Rey said there is no proof regarding a sworn statement that did not come directly from Ruthie.**
- b. Clem wanted all members and manager work in a respectful manner, work together and move forward. Motion to dismiss the incident, made by Rey, and seconded by Mel. Motion approved.

3. ADJOURNMENT: Time:11:26 Motioned_Mel_2nd_Kris Passed

Respective submitted

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Attached sworn statement from Rey. Dated 11 Jun 2026.