***Hockley County Appraisal District***

***Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting Held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022***

The Hockley County Appraisal District Board of Directors met in regular session at 12:00 in the afternoon on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at the Appraisal District Board Room located at 1103 Houston Street in Levelland, Texas.

Present were Larry Carter, Buddy Moore, DeEtte Edens, Ty Gregory, Matt Buxkemper, Debbie Bramalett,

along with staff members Ryan Noland, Kimberly Rico, Roxann Gonzales, Chief Appraiser Lorie Marquez. Also present were Teresa Montemayor with Levelland ISD and Auditor John M. Merriss from Doshier, Pickens and Frances LLC.

Determination of quorum present and the meeting was called to order by Larry Carter.

Larry Carter also gave the invocation and the Board and those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by DeEtte Edens and seconded by Buddy Moore to accept the minutes for March 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Matt Buxkemper and seconded by Ty Gregory to approve the financial reports for March 2022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Matt Buxkemper and seconded by Ty Gregory to approve the financial reports for April 2022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

John Merriss presented the 2021 Financial Audit report to the Board members. John explained all financial and retirement reports and also explained the calculation of entity refunds. John was pleased to report no invalid findings, and mentioned a simple adjustment to a car allowance. Motion made by Matt Buxkemper and seconded by DeEtte Edens to approve the 2021 Audit. Motion carried unanimously

2022 Preliminary Totals were presented to the board by Lorie. She informed the board residential numbers “are up” from last year and explained the difference from those reporting lower in percentages are due to Business Personal properties that filed rendition extensions. When those numbers are reported values should increase some. She also reminded the board the deadline to appeal is May 31st. No action needed.

Last action item on the agenda was to review the 2023 Budget proposal. A total of 1.5% overall increase is estimated for the 2023 Budget. An increase of 6% to our health insurance has been calculated, but is anticipated to increase up to 10%. Line-item “Data Processing” is expected to increase due to Mapping software and the publishing of Appraisal Notices on our website. Estimates for publishing notices on our website is in the works. She stated, MAPs review was done within the office in April. The office was given a “pass” overall and asked to make corrections on two findings within the review, the office has until November to make the corrections. Lorie suggested a salary increase for the staff only. Board will review in June and take action in July.

In Office Operations Lorie gave an update, Preliminaries showed productivity value for irrigated land stayed at $390 and a drop in dry crop at $170 compared to the previous year. Lorie also informed the board of the roof damage from the storm last Sunday (May 1st) the insurance company is working on an estimate and Fortenberry roofing has sealed some areas as a temporary fix. Lorie explained if damage is more than $50,000 the Board would have to make the decision on moving forward and taking bids for the project. Protest(s) are being received after notices were mailed April 29th with a deadline for appeals on May 31st, she explained due to the holiday the deadline is extended to the following business day, 790 of those notices have the option to protest online. ARB Hearings are set for June 23rd. 2022 John Deer lawsuit has been dropped, no update on Pipeline Plastic’s lawsuit. Chief Appraiser evaluations will be mailed to each board member before the end of May and responses will be mailed back to Larry Carter to be reviewed at the next meeting in June. Evaluations will be completed annually.

Motion made by Buddy Moore and seconded by Ty Gregory to adjourn at 1:30 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

DATE: June 14, 2022

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