

Hockley County Appraisal District

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting Held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023

The Hockley County Appraisal District Board of Directors met in regular session at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at the Appraisal District Board Room located at 1103 Houston Street in Levelland, Texas.

Present were Board Members Larry Carter, Matthew Buxkemper sitting in as secretary in place of DeEtte Edens, Ty Gregory, and Debbie Bramlett. Staff members present were Kimberly Rico, Ryan Noland, Roxann Gonzales, Paula Espinoza and Lorie Marquez Chief Appraiser. Teresa Montemayor CFO from Levelland ISD was also present.

Determination of quorum present and the meeting was called to order by Larry Carter. Matthew Buxkemper gave the invocation and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Matthew Buxkemper and seconded by Ty Gregory to accept the minutes for November 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Matthew Buxkemper and seconded by Ty Gregory to approve the financial reports for November 2022 & December 2022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The next action item on the agenda is the appointment of the Ag Advisory Committee. Lorie asked the Board to re-appoint Larry Smith to two-year terms to begin January 1st 2023. Bruce Lawrence and Ronnie Alexander are currently serving their second year of their two- year term. Motion made by Matthew Buxkemper and seconded by Ty Gregory. Motion carried unanimously.

Lorie thanked the board on behalf of the staff for the Christmas Dinner. She explained in office operations some of the timelines for a few tasks to be carried out over the next few weeks, renditions and exemption application deadlines were among the few mentioned. Lorie also gave an update on Ryan and Roxann currently driving with new I-Pads. The next item discussed was the appointment of ARB members by Judge Phelan. Jeffrey Gray, Devin Sonnenburg, and Buck Gosset Jr. will be sworn in on Thursday, January 19 for 2023. They will be training in April and protest hearings will start in June. Lorie mentioned the Ag Advisory meeting will be held sometime in March, they will start collecting data and start working on values. Protest season anticipated to be high again due to minerals being high, estimated around 30%. Housing marked still high and continuing to go up. Lorie explained that she and Ryan are anticipating housing market to slow down by the summer. Lastly, Lorie explains that tablets will be used during upcoming protest season, this will save on paper usage for the CAD.

Motion made by Larry Carter and seconded by Ty Gregory to adjourn at 8:20 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

DATE: April 11, 2023

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____