

*Hockley County Appraisal District*

*Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting Held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023*

The Hockley County Appraisal District Board of Directors met in regular session at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at the Appraisal District Board Room located at 1103 Houston Street in Levelland, Texas.

Present were Board Members Larry Carter, Buddy Moore, Ty Gregory, Debbie Bramlett and Matthew Buxkemper along with staff members Roxann Gonzales, Ryan Noland, Kimberly Rico, Paula Espinoza and Lorie Marquez, Chief Appraiser. Also, present were LISD Members Becky McCutchen and Teresa Monetmayor and Leadership Levelland members Amado Galvan, Freddie Ruiz, Jacob Velardez, Tanner Terrell, Kasey McBeth, Brittany Portillo, Cyndi Cobb, Leslie Boreland, Maryan Moore and Joe Medina.

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

Motion made by Matthew Buxkemper and seconded by Buddy Moore to accept the minutes for September 12, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ty Gregory and seconded by Matthew Buxkemper to approve the financial reports for September and October 2023 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Lorie and the Board discussed office operations. Tax Statements were recently mailed, which has increased inquiries on exemptions, ownership and value changes. Ryan and Roxann have begun their 2024 field work. Lorie gave a brief on IPAD performance, overall, she is pleased with how it is working out. Lorie is looking into purchasing new desktop computers in two more years, as our current units were purchased in December 2018 and these are normally kept about four years. The maintenance contract on our server ends in December 2023, and she is communicating with BIS Consulting and Harris Govern about whether we need to replace the current server. We purchased the current server in September 2015. Lorie is looking into Aerial Imagery through Eagle View to assist our appraisers as Hockley County has had significant growth especially in Ropesville. She gave insight on how Aerial would assist, and how Google is not up to date on all properties, especially in rural areas. However, it is utilized when necessary. Lorie also explained that all the current BOD members have been re-nominated. The last day to nominate a candidate was October 15. Ballots were mailed out by October 31<sup>st</sup> and must be returned by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Next Board meeting will be on the third week of December due to BOD Election. There was an ARB protest hearing in the morning. There are two ARB members whose terms will expire in December. Tanner Ketchersid (Ropesville) and Randy Nichols (Sundown). Their replacements will be nominated by the district judge Pat Phelan. Lorie mentioned that we are taking applications for the ARB Board. Scott Marshall from Sundown and Kendall Dollins and Scott Matus from Ropesville are possible candidates and have been briefed about what the position requires. Buddy asked Lorie to explain BOD election procedures, taxing entities and BOD Elections processes. Lorie named all of the entities and how they pertain to BOD election and the Appraisal District. Buddy explains how sitting on the Board has opened his eyes to the processes that take place at the appraisal district and how important it is. Larry Carter summarized what the Board of Directors is responsible for and how they relate to the CAD and that he is pleased with the current staff at Hockley CAD. HCAD will be having a Christmas Party at Rave On this year in December, invitations will be mailed out to the Board with the time and date. Levelland Leadership individuals Amado Galvan, Freddie Ruiz, Jacob Velardez, Tanner Terrell, Kasey McBeth, Brittany Portillo, Cyndi Cobb, Leslie Boreland, Maryan Moore and Joe Medina, all introduced themselves and gave a brief summary as to why they are involved in the Leadership group. Larry asked that they stay involved because it is difficult to find people that want to be involved in the community.

Motion made by Buddy Moore and seconded by Matthew Buxkemper to adjourn at 12:50 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

DATE: December 19, 2023

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_