

*Hockley County Appraisal District*

*Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting Held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

The Hockley County Appraisal District Board of Directors met in regular session at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, July 11th, 2023, at the Appraisal District Board Room located at 1103 Houston Street in Levelland, Texas.

Present were Board Members Larry Carter, DeEtte Edens, Buddy Moore, Matthew Buxkemper, Debbie Bramlett, and Ty Gregory, along with staff members Kimberly Rico, Roxann Gonzales, Paula Espinoza and Lorie Marquez, Chief Appraiser. Also present were Teresa Montemayor and Becky McCutchen with LISD.

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 Buddy Moore and seconded by Matthew Buxkemper to accept the minutes for June 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Matthew Buxkemper and seconded by Buddy Moore to approve the financial reports for June 2023 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry questioned bids on Mineral Contract, and Lorie advised it was not legally feasible to go out for bids due to timeframe. However, she was able to negotiate a 1-year agreement with Pritchard & Abbott. Lorie mentioned that she is pleased with P&A's services and mentioned that they've never had a lawsuit, they have good rapport with oilfield and always have good customer service. She also briefed on two other mineral companies available. Debbie also mentioned how she is pleased with P&A customer service. HCAD will go out for bids next year on Mineral contract.

Motion made by Buddy Moore and seconded by DeEtte Edens to approve the Pritchard and Abbot Mineral Contract for one year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The next action item on the agenda was the 2024 Budget Hearing. The hearing began at 8:07 AM. Budget was presented and discussed. Lorie mentioned how this is the last year for Truth in Taxation and that this will save on postage. The hearing ended at 8:20 AM.

Motion made by Matthew Buxkemper and seconded by Buddy Moore to approve the 2024 Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Office operations were discussed. Lorie gave some insight on how the hearings went. There were 10 Single Member Panels scheduled and only 5 were heard. Lorie went over how the Full Member Panels were handled and that overall, it went well. This was the first year that monitors were used instead of paper packets. She explained that this year evidence was presented on the screen for the ARB. This has cut down significantly on paper usage. There will be one more protest hearing in August with about 100 protests. HCAD is certifying this week and then values will be out by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Lorie explained that there was nothing new on the Pipeline Lawsuit, and that it will likely fall off. Buddy questioned how the 100K HS exemption would affect the smaller ISD's and she explained her thoughts on the matter.

Motion made by Matthew Buxkemper and seconded by Buddy Moore to adjourn at 8:28 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

DATE: September 12, 2023

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

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