

Hockley County Appraisal District

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting Held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023

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

Present were Larry Carter, Buddy Moore, DeEtte Edens, Matthew Buxkemper, Ty Gregory and Lorie Marquez, Chief Appraiser. Staff members present were Ryan Noland, Roxann Gonzales, Kimberly Rico, & Paula Espinoza. Teresa Montemayor, CFO from Levelland ISD was also present for the meeting.

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 Ty Gregory and seconded by Buddy Moore to accept the minutes for January 11, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Matthew Buxkemper and seconded by DeEtte Edens to approve the financial reports for January, February and March as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Lorie Marquez discussed office operations. Homestead and Ag Applications are being received. Business Personal Property Rendition forms are not coming in as much as we'd like however we're anticipating a majority of forms to come in this weekend. Lorie explains she spoke with Doug at P&A and he is anticipating a 15% increase in minerals. Last year it was a 15-20% increase, however mineral protests were all settled during informal. Larry asked about home values and Lorie explained they were also about a 15% increase. HCAD has done a couple of studies on Mobile Homes and they will increase 15% as well. Lorie has been getting numbers from other CADs across Texas and they are in the 20-25% range. Lorie explained how the houses get separated out into stratum. The higher homes (new builds) are right where they need to be however some of the older homes will need to be increased to stay on track with PVS. Lorie explained the recent MAPs and PVS Reports. She explained their procedures and that HCAD made 100% on all areas. Lorie is extremely proud of her staff for their diligence. She explained that PVS is conducted on even years but because we fell out in 2021, they did a re-study for Anton, Levelland, and Smyer. They are all valid now. We will be studied again this year. She explained the challenges of putting on new houses and trying to stay on track with growth and values. Ryan has had a majority of the new builds. Roxann had only about 6 new builds. Notices are going to be postmarked and mailed on April 27th. At this time the notice will let us know how much properties have gone up and gives taxpayers 30 days to file a protest. Law now requires an informal, where the CAD will attempt to settle with the taxpayer before going to ARB. Protest hearings will be held on June 22. Updated protest procedures will be sent out, due to troubles in 2022. Taxpayers will now be asked to wait in their vehicles until their protest hearing. Other security updates will include locked door, as well as a camera in the lobby, and someone present from the Sheriff's office to ensure safety of the staff, ARB and property owner. Ag Advisory Committee meeting was held and they are anticipating a 10-20 dollar decrease on Dry and Irrigated. John Merriss, our auditor, has submitted a draft for the 2022 Audit held on March 31st. He will attend May meeting to present his findings. Lorie asked the Board to move May meeting to noon to accommodate his travel from Amarillo, and it was approved. Chief Appraiser evaluation forms will be mailed out.

Next Board meeting is set for May 9, 2023 at 12:00 pm.

Motion made by Matthew Buxkemper and seconded by Ty Gregory to adjourn at 8:27 am. Motion carried unanimously.

DATE: May 9, 2023

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____