

Hockley County Appraisal District

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting Held on Tuesday, June 6th, 2023

The Hockley County Appraisal District Board of Directors met in regular session at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, June 6th, 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, and Matthew Buxkemper - sitting in as secretary; along with Lorie Marquez Chief Appraiser. Also present was Teresa Montemayor with LISD.

Determination of quorum present and the meeting was called to order by Larry Carter. Larry Carter 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 from May 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The next action item on the agenda was to Review the 2024 Budget proposal. Ty asked about entity rebates and Lorie explained that there's a 60k rebate that will be allocated back to entities in the percentage that they paid in. \$960 Salary difference questioned by Larry Carter. Lorie explains this is to cover RPA incentives for two additional employees taking RPA classes. Lorie also explains that health insurance changed to a 6% increase, we were initially given a 20% estimate. Lorie went over Mineral Appraisal cost increase and summarized her negotiation with P&A. Lorie recommended a 1-year contract totaling 124K (from initial 127k) for mineral appraisal. Mineral Appraisal Bids were unfeasible at the time due to timeframe deadlines and legal implications; however, we will go out for bids next year. Liability Insurance increase went up, but not significantly. The Board and Lorie were anticipating more of an increase due to roof claim. Payroll expense difference was due to increase in QuickBooks fees. Appraiser iPads have helped cut down on supplies expense as far as paper and ink now that appraisers have gone electronic, protests will also be handled electronically this year. Salaries were discussed as far as the different entities. Lorie explained that she is incredibly satisfied with her current staff. Cost of living increase of \$1500 per employee was agreed upon by the Board for salaries. Lorie goes on to explain that HCAD is the very beginning of budget discussions, once we have set ours it gives the other entities an insight as to how to set their budgets. New Homestead Exemption was discussed. If this passes Debbie will have to issue refunds. Previously, HS went from 25k to 40k. Now there's talk about going to 100k. This will affect Hockley County drastically if passed.

Lorie explained office operations. Lorie gave the Board an update on how many protests have been filed for CAD Appraisers (432) along with how many online protests (4). She explained that P&A had over 1000 protests however they do a good job at settling out & will handle their own. ARB protest new process was discussed. Security cameras were installed up front to support with disorderly property owners. Lorie is looking to repair the HCAD front door. Buddy brought up possibly making it handicapped accessible. Lorie also mentioned that there is no update on Lawsuit with Pipeline. We are almost to the 2-year mark with no movement. This will likely fall off. Our next meeting will be July 11th at 8:00 a.m.

Motion made by Larry Carter and seconded by Matthew Buxkemper to adjourn at 8:44 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

DATE: July 11th, 2023

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____