

Hockley County Appraisal District

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting Held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025

The Hockley County Appraisal District Board of Directors met in regular session at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at the Appraisal District Board Room located at 1103 Houston Street in Levelland, Texas.

Present were Board Members Larry Carter, Matthew Buxkemper, Ty Gregory (via phone conference), Misty Taylor and Lorie Marquez, Chief Appraiser. Staff members present were Kimberly Rico, Ryan Noland, Roxann Gonzales, and Paula Espinoza.

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 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Matthew Buxkemper and seconded by Buddy Moore to approve the financial reports for November 2024 & December 2024 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The next action item on the agenda is the appointment of the Ag Advisory Committee (AAC). Lorie asked the Board to re-appoint Larry Smith to an additional two-year term beginning January 1, 2025. Motion made by Matthew Buxkemper and seconded by Buddy Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

Lorie thanked the board on behalf of the staff for the Christmas Dinner. Lorie went over office operations. HCAD is working on Personal Property Renditions; these will go out in the mail on the 27th. HCAD will send out homestead & ag applications to those who may qualify. This always increases phone calls and inquiries. Ag and homestead exemption applications are due by April 30th. The next item on the agenda was the Appraisal Review Board (ARB). Jeffrey Ty Gray, Scott, Matus, and Bucky Gossett Jr. have been reappointed by Judge Phelan to serve an additional two years beginning January 1, 2025. Aside from Jimmy Martin, who will be finishing out his 2-year term. Judge Phelan will then appoint someone to take Jimmy's place for 2026. Ryan and Lorie will be attending a class for Ag next Monday, in Amarillo with Pritchard and Abbot (P&A). Buddy Moore had questions on PVS and who it affects. Lorie and Ryan spoke briefly on the matter. They feel that if they are able to take a couple of classes, it will help to get HCAD more in line the state. Lorie explained Ag values are on a 5-year rolling. Lorie gave an update on Ryan and Roxann's driving. Ryan is about 25% complete in the country and Roxann is about 75% complete in the city. Lorie explained that EagleView has been a very useful tool at finding new value. Kimberly Rico and Rocio Penner have begun utilizing the EagleView software to assist with appraising the county. Kimberly Rico gave a brief explanation how this process is completed. Roxann is taking Rocio out driving to learn the driving process. Roxann mentioned lots of updates in Kauffman Addition. Lorie explained that there are two studies conducted by the state, MAPs and PVS. MAPs covers internal office procedures and it came out on the 15th; HCAD got 100 on all categories. PVS comes out at the end of the month. A Board of Director's Meetings schedule was presented to the Board as a guideline on future meetings. Lorie and P&A did a tour of the Oxy plant last week so they could get some insight on what's new and what the forecast is. Buddy questioned projection on oil. Lorie explained there will not be a projection until around March.

Motion made by Matthew Buxkemper and seconded by Buddy Moore to adjourn at 8:35 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

DATE: May 13, 2025

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____