

Hockley County Appraisal District

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting Held on Tuesday, June 10th, 2025

The Hockley County Appraisal District Board of Directors met in regular session at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, June 10th, 2025, at the Appraisal District Board Room located at 1103 Houston Street in Levelland, Texas.

Present were Board Members Larry Carter, Matthew Buxkemper, Buddy Moore, 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. 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 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Matthew Buxkemper and seconded by Buddy Moore to approve the financial reports for May 2025 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The next action item on the agenda was to Review the 2026 Proposed Budget. Lorie and the Board went over adjustment increases made to the group health insurance, audit services, mineral appraisal services, data processing services and liability insurance. New line item, EagleView technology, was added to the budget. Lorie and the Board went into discussion on EagleView technology and its perks, as it was a big increase to the budget. Buddy asked Ryan and Roxann if Eagle View had affected this year's protests. Ryan and Roxann agreed that EagleView had somewhat affected protests, and it was a very useful tool in finding value for Hockley County. Lorie explained that we wouldn't actually have supporting data until next year once EagleView performs another flyover. This will give comparison data and will allow for reports to be generated. Larry mentioned salaries and Lorie explained that she is very pleased with her staff. Larry and the Board felt that at this time, due to a significant increase in the proposed budget regarding EagleView technology, a salary increase would not be justified. The Proposed 2026 Budget will be sent out to the entities following the meeting. The Budget Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8th at 8 a.m.

Lorie explained office operations. Hockley CAD had 1342 properties being protested. Ryan, Roxann and Lorie had 372 active protests and Pritchard and Abbott, Inc had 970. Of those, there were 26 online protests and 431 that requested phone hearings. Protest procedures will be the same as previous year.

Motion made by Matthew Buxkemper and seconded by Buddy Moore to adjourn at 8:33 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

DATE: July 8th, 2025

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____