

Hockley County Appraisal District

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting Held on Tuesday, June 30, 2026

The Hockley County Appraisal District Board of Directors met in regular session at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at the Appraisal District Board Room located at 1103 Houston Street in Levelland, Texas.

Present were Board Members Larry Carter, Matthew Buxkemper, Buddy Moore, Mike Stafford, Pete Stracener, Misty Taylor TA/C and Lorie Marquez, Chief Appraiser. Staff members present were Roxann Gonzales, Kimberly Rico and Paula Espinoza.

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 Matthew Buxkemper and seconded by Mike Stafford to accept the minutes for May 29, 2026 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mike Stafford and seconded by Matt Buxkemper to approve the financial reports for May 2026 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The next action item on the agenda was the 2027-2028 Reappraisal Hearing. The Board began the hearing at 8:05 a.m. Lorie went over the reappraisal plan; there were no changes made to the plan. There were no citizens or entity personnel present; they ended the hearing at 8:09 AM.

Motion made by Matthew Buxkemper and seconded by Mike Stafford to approve the 2027-2028 Reappraisal Plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The next action item on the agenda was the 2027 Budget Hearing. The Board began the hearing at 8:09 a.m. There were no citizens or entity personnel present; they ended the hearing at 8:14 AM.

Lorie provided an updated budget spreadsheet for 2027 with updated figures. Mineral appraisal services were re-negotiated and reduced to 136K (from previous quote of 140K) for 2027, and 140K (from previous quote of 145K) for 2028. The Budget also reflected a restructured salary effective July 1, 2027 for Deeds Clerk/ GIS Manager, Director of Appraisal Records/ Appraiser, Deputy Chief/ City Appraiser and Rural Appraiser as well as a 3% salary increase effective January 1, 2027 for the remaining positions; Clerk 1 Exemptions Clerk, Administrative Assistant, and Chief Appraiser. This did not increase the current budget amount for salaries, due to the staff restructure utilizing adjustment to the previous Rural Appraiser's budgeted salary. The updated budget spreadsheet also included the full 15% increase on health Insurance and an increase in data processing services. Motion made by Mike Stafford and seconded by Matthew Buxkemper to approve the 2027 Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Lorie went over office operations. Buddy asked about board secretary duties and Lorie mentioned that duties had been re-delegated and approved by the board in a previous year. Larry asked about certified values. Lorie explained that in order for the CAD to be able to certify totals, nothing can be in protest that is over 5%, (the CAD is at 1.47%). The Appraisal District is anticipating to certify July 10th. Lorie told the Board that the ARB Members did a fantastic job. Protest day was a little hectic and going forward we will need at least 7-8 people on hand, to work efficiently. There were 1385 property appeals. Roxann and Lorie had 899 and Pritchard and Abbott had 366. Single Member Panel Hearings were held on June 17 and protest hearings were held June 18th. There was a total of 50 that were heard. Lorie heard 29, Roxann heard 7, there were 3 telephone hearings and 12 affidavits heard. The police officers assigned to security on protest day did a fantastic job and were very helpful. The CAD worked 7a.m- 7p.m on Protest Day. The Ag Advisory Committee (AAC) members should be appointed to staggered terms of two years. She advised that Ronny Alexander and Bruce Lawrence be re-appointed to a two-year term beginning January 1, 2027, and Larry Smith to continue his 2 years. Roxann won the Customer Service Contest for 2026; she was the employee with the most positive Property Owner Surveys within the contest timeframe. New hire, James Burleson will start July 16, 2027. Roxann, Rocio and Kimberly will start their new positions July 1, 2027. Kimberly will be changing offices and will begin utilizing the Rural Appraiser vehicle. Larry asked about how much money was lost due to new BPP regulations. Lorie explained that it was over 65% of value. BPPs went from around 1000 to 40. There will not be a board meeting in July.

Motion made by Buddy Moore and seconded by Matthew Buxkemper to adjourn at 8:32 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. DATE: September 8, 2026.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____