

Minutes of Regular Meeting, December 18, 2018
Board of Directors
Waller County Appraisal District

The regular meeting of the Waller County Appraisal District Board of Directors was held in the board room of the Waller County Appraisal District at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 with the following members present: Mr. Royce Rape, Mr. James Henderson, Mr. Michael Glover, Mr. John Amsler and Mr. Roosevelt Alexander

Members absent: Mrs. Ellen Shelburne

Also present: Chris Barzilla, Chief Appraiser
Becky Gurrola, Recording Secretary
Lori Dehmer, Bookkeeper
Heather Ullery, Rogers Benefit Group
Cheryl Liere, Edmonds Insurance
Howard Kelly, Appraiser
Billie Wilbanks, Appraiser

Chief Appraiser, Chris Barzilla, certified the provisions of section 551.001 Texas Government Code had been complied with in connection with the public notice of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Royce Rape at 3:00 a.m.

MINUTES A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting from October 9, 2018.

MOTION: Mr. Roosevelt Alexander
SECOND: Mr. Michael Glover
VOTE: Unanimous

ARB BOARD The board made a motion to table appointing anyone to the Appraisal Review Board and asked the district to continue to run ads for applicants.

MOTION: Mr. John Amsler
SECOND: Mr. Royce Rape
VOTE:

AG BOARD Chris Barzilla told the board that Mr. Tommy Paben and Mr. David Groschke's term on the Ag Advisory Board would be up the end of December. The district asked the board members to reappoint both Mr. Tommy Paben and

Mr. David Groschke to serve another two-year term beginning January 1, 2019.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Tommy Paben and Mr. David Groschke to serve another two-year term effective January 1, 2019.

MOTION: Mr. John Amsler
SECOND: Mr. James Henderson
VOTE: Unanimous

CONSIDERATION
HEALTH INSURANCE

Cheryl Liere stated that the district received a quote for 2019 in the amount of \$18,480.80 which is an increase of 5.90 % over the 2018 year. Cheryl Liere went on to say that the district is considered to be lucky with a small increase because they were grandfathered in . The district has a great plan compared to the other quotes that were received.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2019 health insurance.

MOTION: Mr. John Amsler
SECOND: Mr. Michael Glover
VOTE: Unanimous

VITALITY

Chris Barzilla asked the board to consider rewarding the employees that participated in the health wellness program. The board gave the employees in 2017 50% of the savings the district was credited in the health insurance. This year the savings will be approximately \$19,447.73.

A motion was made and seconded to approve awarding those employees in the health savings plan the same 50% of the savings to those who participated and the percentage that they contributed.

MOTION: Mr. Michael Glover
SECOND: Mr. James Henderson
VOTE: Unanimous

- EVALUATION OF CHIEF APPRAISER The board turned in forms for the evaluation of the Chief Appraiser for the 2018 year. There was no discussion.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION The board retired into executive session at 3:26 p.m.

- RETURN TO OPEN SESSION The board returned to open session at 3:48 p.m.

- APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF APPRAISER A motion was made and seconded to appoint Becky Gurrola as the new chief appraiser effective January 1, 2019. With a salary of \$111,000 as in the 2019 budget.

- MOTION: Mr. James Henderson
- SECOND: Mr. Roosevelt Alexander
- ABSTAIN: Mr. John Amsler
- VOTE: (4) For (1) Abstain

- LITIGATION UPDATE Chris Barzilla commented briefly that he had made offers and counter offers on the forty-four lawsuits filed by O'Connor and Associates. Chris Barzilla also stated that he had held another Arbitration and the district did not know the outcome yet. There are two remaining arbitrations left to be heard.

- APPRAISAL EFFORT Chris Barzilla mentioned that the appraisers are out in the field working on the 2019 tax year by picking up all the new improvements. The district should be completed with all field work by April.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Chairman, Board of Directors

Date:

Secretary, Board of Directors

