

Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 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 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2018 with the following members present: Mr. Royce Rape, Mr. Roosevelt Alexander, Mr. John A. Amsler, Mr. Michael Glover and Mr. James Henderson

Members absent: Mrs. Ellen Shelburne

Also present: Becky Gurrola, Deputy Chief Appraiser/Recording Secretary  
Lori Dehmer, Bookkeeper  
Jena Qualls, Map Research Clerk  
Mike Gerhold, Harris Govern  
Manuel Araujo, Harris Govern  
Brandon King, BIS Consulting  
Hector Gomez, BIS Consulting

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 9:00 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE Becky Gurrola, administered the oath of office to all of the board members.

MINUTES A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 5, 2017.

MOTION: Mr. Roosevelt Alexander  
SECOND: Mr. Royce Rape

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN A motion was made and seconded to appoint Mr. Royce Rape as chairman of the Board of Directors.

MOTION: Mr. Roosevelt Alexander  
SECOND: Mr. Michael Glover  
ABSTAIN: Mr. John A. Amsler  
VOTE: Four to One

ELECTION OF  
SECRETARY

A motion was made and seconded to appoint Mr. Michael Glover as secretary of the Board of Directors.

MOTION:

Mr. Roosevelt Alexander

SECOND:

Mr. James Henderson

VOTE:

Unanimous

BIS CONSULTING

Chris Barzilla, told the board that the district lost an employee in December. Michael Sargent was the district's Cartographer. In trying to find someone with experience or qualifications is very hard to do. Especially coming to a small county. The district felt like it would be better to out-source the mapping. Both Brandon King and Hector Gomez spoke to the board about the benefits that BIS Consulting would provide the district in bringing the appraisal district's GIS data up to date. They spoke on the number of appraisal district's in the state that uses their firm for mapping along with how their company would handle split outs, subdivisions, etc. The district's employee Jena Qualls asked several questions over the concerns that the mapping department may have and how it would be handled.

HARRIS GOVERN

Manuel Araujo and Mike Gerhold also spoke to the board about the benefits that Harris Govern would provide the district. They too also spoke on the number of appraisal district's that use their service out of 253 counties. They are 135. Manuel Araujo spoke on how the district currently uses their appraisal system and how they have the support staff to meet the district's needs. They both spoke on how they would update the maps once a week and the district would be current on any changes. Again, Jena Qualls asked several questions and concerns that she may of had with their services being provided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board retired into executive session at 10:51 a.m.

RETURN TO OPEN  
SESSION

The board returned to open session at 10:59 a.m.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the GIS Mapping services with Harris Govern.

MOTION: Mr. John A. Amsler  
SECOND: Mr. Roosevelt Alexander  
VOTE: Unanimous

ARB APPOINTMENT

Chris Barzilla said that the district published in both the Waller and Brookshire papers requesting applications for the Appraisal Review Board. The district finally received one application from Mr. Teddy Schild. Mr. Teddy Schild had served on the board several years ago.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Teddy Schild as a member to the Appraisal Review Board

MOTION: Mr. Roosevelt Alexander  
SECOND: Mr. James Henderson  
NAY: Mr. Michael Glover  
VOTE: Four to One

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Roosevelt Alexander  
SECOND: Mr. John A. Amsler  
VOTE: Unanimous

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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Chairman, Board of Directors

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Date:

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Secretary, Board of Directors

