

Minutes of Regular Meeting, November 10, 2015  
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 Monday, November 10, 2015 with the following members present: Mr. Royce Rape, Mr. Tom Paben, Mr. Tim Junek, Mr. Joe Garcia and Mr. Roosevelt Alexander

Members absent: Mrs. Ellen Shelburne

Also present: Chris Barzilla, Chief Appraiser  
Becky Gurrola, Recording Secretary  
Suzanne Hillis, Bookkeeper

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.

MINUTES A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 public hearing on the 2016 budget.

MOTION: Mr. Roosevelt Alexander  
SECOND: Mr. Tom Paben  
VOTE: Unanimous

MINUTES A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting from September 8, 2015.

MOTION: Mr. Roosevelt Alexander  
SECOND: Mr. Tom Paben  
VOTE: Unanimous

CONSIDERATION  
HEALTH INSURANCE Cheryl Liere stated that the district received a quote for 2016 in the amount of \$13,966,12 which is an increase of \$2,741.06 above the 2015 year. Cheryl Liere went on to say that the district is considered as substandard due to the claims that were filed. Cheryl Liere also looked at United Health but due to one employee the district would not qualify in receiving the lower rate. There was a lengthy

discussion between the board and the district. Mr. Joe Garcia wanted to be reassured that the district was doing everything we can to watch costs. Mr. Joe Garcia also questioned the district about a health savings account. Cheryl Liere recommended that the district keep the current plan with the slight increase. Mr. Joe Garcia requested that the district revisit a wellness plan within the next 90 days.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the December 2016 health insurance.

MOTION: Mr. Joe Garcia  
SECOND: Mr. Tim Junek  
VOTE: Unanimous

#### AG BOARD

Chris Barzilla told the board that Mr. Raymond Dollins 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 serve another two year term beginning January 1, 2016 and both agreed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Raymond Dollins and Mr. David Groschke to serve another two year term effective January 1, 2016.

MOTION: Mr. Tom Paben  
SECOND: Mr. Roosevelt Alexander  
VOTE: Unanimous

#### ARB BOARD

Chris Barzilla told the board that the district posted in both newspapers in Waller and Brookshire, Texas advertizing a vacant position on the board. The district received no response and will now have a three (3) member board verses a four (4) member board. The outgoing member Mr. David Hardwick was the residing secretary. Chris Barzilla requested that the board appoint a chairman and secretary for the 2016 year.

A motion was made and seconded to appoint Mr. Jack Scanlon as president and Mr. Jim Sette to serve as secretary effective January 1, 2016.

MOTION: Mr. Tom Paben  
SECOND: Mr. Tim Junek  
VOTE: Unanimous

EVALUATION OF CHIEF APPRAISER

The board overall stated that the Chief Appraiser performed his job well.

OPEN CARRY DISCUSSION

Mr. Joe Garcia asked the district if there was a policy in place regarding the employees and the open carry law. Chris Barzilla said no. Mr. Joe Garcia requested that the district present a proposed policy at the next board meeting. Chris Barzilla stated that due to the Open Meetings Act the district could ask the taxpayer(s) to leave their guns in the car while a meeting/ARB hearings are in session. Mr. Joe Garcia also questioned the security during regular business hours.

LITIGATION UPDATE

Chris Barzilla commented briefly that no action had been taken on any lawsuits. Chris Barzilla went on to say that the district has two arbitrations remaining.

APPRAISAL EFFORT

Chris Barzilla mentioned that the appraisers are out in the field working on the 2016 tax year and is in hopes of being completed April 15th.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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Chairman, Board of Directors

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Date:

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Secretary, Board of Directors

