

Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 12, 2022
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 Tuesday, April 12, 2022, with the following members present: Mr. Royce Rape, Mr. Rick Welch, Mr. Bill Parks, Mrs. Jaime Davis, and Mrs. Ellen Shelburne.

Members absent: Mrs. Paulette Barnett

Also present: Becky Gurrola, Chief Appraiser
Lori Dehmer, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary
Doyleen Fairchild, Deputy Chief Appraiser
Joe McCown, Appraiser
Matt Schiel, Appraiser
Otis Styers
Kevin Beers, Eagleview
Stephen, Eagleview

Chief Appraiser, Becky Gurrola, certified the provisions of section 551.001 of the 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 9:01 a.m.

MINUTES A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 15, 2022.

MOTION: Mrs. Jaime Davis
SECOND: Mr. Rick Welch
VOTE: Unanimous

ARB SCHEDULE Chief Appraiser, Becky Gurrola, submitted the proposed dates for the District's Appraisal Review Board hearings for 2022. The proposed schedule consists of 38 days, which includes one weekend day (Saturday) as required by state code. The District will attempt to have notices mailed by May 6th. The schedule will be posted on the District's website, at the courthouse, in newspapers, as well as on the outside of the District's office building.

Property owners are allowed to re-schedule their hearing once, if needed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the schedule for the District's Appraisal Review Board hearings as presented.

MOTION: Mr. Rick Welch
SECOND: Mrs. Jaime Davis
VOTE: Unanimous

EXPANSION/
GROWTH OF
THE DISTRICT

Mr. Otis Styers, owner of the offices the District leases, appeared before the Board to discuss options for expansion of the current building. Mr. Styers presented to the Board concerning his ownership of the remaining lots of the block. His proposal would be to consider building a two-story building, adjoined by a breezeway. The lower floor would be a new board room, and the upper floor could be additional office space.

Chief Appraiser Gurrola has concerns about the adequacy of parking. Mr. Styers stated he could possibly have access to more parking areas.

The Board requested Mrs. Gurrola to also investigate the options of utilizing the building across the street that has a vacant second floor, as well as the vacant Lawrence Marshall building. Mr. Rape instructed Chief Appraiser Gurrola to have Mr. Otis Styers start on plans for constructing an additional building for the Board to review.

EAGLEVIEW

Mr. Kevin Beers from Eagleview, the District's GIS mapping and aerial imagery provider, presented a presentation to the Board for consideration of upgrading the current contract to a better resolution. The option consists of flying earlier in the year and at a lower level for better images.

Currently the District has a contract with annual flights with different resolutions between rural and city areas. One option is for the District use one resolution, 6 inch, county-wide, which would add a \$17,000 increase to the contract.

Another option presented to the Board would be for a 3-inch resolution, with a discounted price if the flight is earlier in the year. This option would be an increase of \$42,000 for all areas in the county.

There was much discussion among the Board and Mr. Beers was able to adequately answer all their questions. The Board will decide on which contract to use when they review the budget for 2023.

Mr. Rick Welch requested that the imagery be available on the District’s website, as well as all the Board members requested access to the District’s account with Eagleview. Deputy Chief Appraiser, Doyleen Fairchild, agreed to have all the requests completed.

LITIGATION

Chief Appraiser Gurrola updated the Board that the District is waiting for the judge to sign concerning Costco. There is no new information to report on any other legal matters.

APPRAISAL EFFORT

Mrs. Becky Gurrola, Chief Appraiser for the District, reported to the Board that the appraisers are finishing up the field work. She also notified the Board that the notices the District will be sending out will not have any tax amounts reported on them; only appraised values will be given. Post cards will be sent out in August to advise the property owners where they can go to find their tax rates and amounts owed.

SECTION 25.25
CORRECTIONS

Chairman Royce Rape recognized the required 25.25(b) corrections were reported to the Board.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on May 10, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. There will be budget workshop following the public meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Royce Rape
SECOND: Mrs. Jaime Davis
VOTE: Unanimous

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Date

Chairman, Board of Directors

Secretary, Board of Director