

Minutes of Regular Meeting, August 8, 2023  
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, August 8, 2023, with the following members present: Mr. Royce Rape, Ms. Jaime Davis, Mr. Rick Welch, Mr. Bill Parks, Ms. Paulette Barnett, and Ms. Ellen Shelburne.

Members absent:

Also present:           Becky Gurrola, Chief Appraiser  
                              Lori Dehmer, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary  
                              Doyleen Fairchild, Deputy Chief Appraiser  
                              Joe McCown, Deputy Chief Appraiser

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 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES                                   A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2023.

MOTION:                               Mr. Rick Welch  
SECOND:                               Mr. Bill Parks  
VOTE:                                   Unanimous

WORDING ON  
AG LETTERS  
FOR DEADLINE  
FILING                                   Board Member, Ms. Jaime Davis, brought discussion to the Board concerning a property owner’s dispute over the wording on the ag and wildlife application reminder letters. The property owner felt he was treated unfairly for a late filing. The Board had much discussion about the issue.

Chief Appraiser Becky Gurrola agreed to consult with the District’s legal counsel concerning the correct wording for the reminder letters.

LITIGATION                               Ms. Becky Gurrola reported to the Board that the District has received four more non-suits from O’Connor & Associates. The District is not willing to settle on the Twinwood accounts; they may go to mediation.

Last year the District received 34 arbitrations. The District expects to see an increase in the number of arbitrations filed for 2023 due to the increase in ARBs held.

Mr. Royce Rape inquired as to the approximate number of ARBs the District held this year. Ms. Gurrola reported that 7,700 ARBs were heard by the Board, which is an increase of 25% from last year.

Mr. Rick Welch inquired about the certified value, and Ms. Gurrola explained the State Comptroller's requirement to certify.

#### APPRAISAL EFFORT

Chief Appraiser Becky Gurrola reported to the Board that the District still needs to add new houses and properties that will be supplemented to the 2023 roll. The appraisers will begin working on the 2024 appraisals after the roll has been supplemented for 2023.

Ms. Gurrola also apprised the Board that the TDLR case that was filed against her, and Daniel Rodriguez, has been closed. TDLR did not find any violations were committed.

In addition, Chief Appraiser Gurrola notified the Board that she and Deputy Chief Doyleen Fairchild will be attending TAAD's Legislative Updates Conference in Ft. Worth. One of the new Legislative Laws will require certain appraisal districts to have three elected board members. The cost of having a public election for board members to be on a ballot may need to be considered for the 2025 budget. It is estimated that it could cost \$350,000 to hold a public election.

Ms. Gurrola also informed the Board that the District has been doing a study of the car allowances paid in other appraisal districts. The car allowance, which is \$400 per month, has not changed in many years. She will be requesting the Board to consider amending the budget to pay \$600 per month to the appraisers conducting field work.

And finally, one mapping clerk has resigned and left the District due to personal reasons. The District will begin interviewing for a replacement.

SECTION  
25.25 (B)  
CORRECTIONS

Chairman Royce Rape confirmed submission of the Section 25.25 (b) corrections to the Board.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors will be September 5, 2023.

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting.

- MOTION: Ms. Jaime Davis
- SECOND: Mr. Rick Welch
- VOTE: Unanimous

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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Chairman, Board of Directors

Date:

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Secretary, Board of Directors