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DENTON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

April 9, 2021

2:00 p.m.

ITEM 1: CONVENING OF MEETING

Charles Stafford convened the meeting at 2:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Stafford, Chairman
David Terre - Vice Chairman
Roy Atwood, Secretary
George Pryor, Member
Bryan Webb, Member
Michelle French, Ex Officio Member

STAFF PRESENT: Hope McClure, Don Spencer, Kim Collins,
Misty Baptiste

David Tabor, Attorney

ITEM 2: INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Michelle French.

ITEM 3: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated to the U.S. Flag and Texas Flag by all who were present.

ITEM 4: OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Charles Stafford opened the meeting for an opportunity for the public to address the Board. No one was present to address the Board.

ITEM 5: PROGRESS REPORT

APPRAISAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE RELATED

HOPE MCCLURE AND DON SPENCER

- Hope McClure opened the meeting to take questions from the Board.
- Bryan Webb spoke about his takeaways from the prior board meeting, said he walked away believing we are in crisis mode and the Board should have dug deeper and asked more questions. He asked for more communication including weekly update of metric reporting and issues addressed until we catch back up. Long story short, he is disappointed after last week and is disappointed at where the District is at right now. He notices that the team is feeling beat up, but it is the job of the board to press, challenge and be a pain to make sure the job gets done.
- George Pryor questioned the District's hiring and training of new employees and reminded the board members that the job of the Board of Directors is not to run the day to day operations, it is to hire and fire the chief appraiser and oversee the budget. He asked Chairman Stafford, how much can the board be involved in all of this?
- Charles Stafford agreed that the board is not to be over the day to day oversight and reminded Bryan Webb that they are not looking to micro-manage the District. Charles defended the statement about hiring and training and stated that it is a very specialized training that takes a long time, you cannot just bring anyone in to do it.
- Bryan Webb states that when he suggests micro-managing, he is specifically referring to the Chief Appraiser.
- David Tabor, the District's attorney, reminds the Board that the Tax Code very clearly states that the only communication from the board to the Chief Appraiser has to be within a board meeting setting.
- Bryan Webb wanted to know how to address issues outside the meeting setting? David Tabor states, communication can come from the Chief Appraiser to the Board, but as far as discussion about issues that must be in a public meeting. David clarifies the difference in communication and giving the Chief Appraiser direction.
- Don Spencer addressed security issues about True Roll that Roy Atwood asked about last meeting. Don stated that True Roll has the same standards that we use to keep data secure and that David Steele, IT Manager, is very comfortable with their security level. Also, True Roll does not have access to any data that is not public data, they have access to our data within systems of our control.

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LIAISON – BEATRICE LORNE

- No report was given.

ITEM 6: ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.074 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- A. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- B. DELIBERATION ON PERSONNEL MATTERS

The Board went into executive session at 2:32 p.m.

ITEM 7. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, AS NEEDED

The Board reconvened at 4:12 p.m.

No action was taken.

ITEM 8. ADJOURN

Chairperson, Charles Stafford, adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm.