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DENTON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

MAY 30, 2019

3:00 p.m.

ITEM 1: CONVENING OF MEETING

Charles Stafford convened the meeting at 3:04 pm.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Rudy Durham, George Clerihew,  
Kathy Williams and Hope Pierson

ITEM 2: INVOCATION

Michelle French gave the invocation.

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

No public was present to address the Board.

*The Board proceeded to Item 10 & 11 – Executive Session.*

ITEM 10: EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 AND 551.074:

A. CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

The Board went into executive session at 3:05 pm.

ITEM 11: RECONVENE TO TAKE ACTION ON THE ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board reconvened at 4:18 pm.

A motion was made by Mike Hassett to “engage Tom Brandt as discussed in Executive Session”. Roy Atwood seconded the motion. The vote to “engage Tom Brandt as discussed in Executive Session” was unanimous.

*The Board then moved to Item 7 – Presentation & Acceptance of the 2018 Financial Audit.*

ITEM 7: PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF 2018 FINANCIAL AUDIT – DAN TONN

Mr. Dan Tonn, from Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn and Seay, presented and explained the information contained in the 2018 Denton Central Appraisal District’s financial audit. He informed the Board that all findings in the audit were positive.

A motion was made by Roy Atwood to approve the 2018 Financial Audit. Mike Hassett seconded the motion. The vote to approve the 2018 Financial Audit was unanimous.

*The Board then returned to Item 5 – Progress Report, followed by Items 6, 8, 9 & 12.*

## ITEM 5: PROGRESS REPORT

## APPRAISAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE RELATED – RUDY DURHAM, GEORGE CLERIHEW AND KATHY WILLIAMS

Rudy Durham reported that the remote hearings will start on June 17-20<sup>th</sup> and be held at Lewisville Career Center East. Rudy announced that these remote hearings are not only a great location for the taxpayers on the south end of the county, but it is also great practice for the staff in regards to disaster recovery.

Rudy Durham informed the Board that starting in 2020, there is a homestead tax exemption that the legislature is trying to pass, it involves a \$50,000 homestead exemption for school districts. In Denton County, there are 166,000 homesteads, which means that an estimated \$8.3 billion would be taken off the appraisal roll in 2020, if this exemption were to pass.

Rudy Durham also updated them on the rulings from Senate Bill 2, which will prohibit him from staying the mayor of the City of Lewisville, starting on January 1, 2020. It also effects any District employee that is a current elected official. They will no longer be able to hold office.

George Clerihew updated the Board on the new legislative updates that directly affect the Appraisal Review Board. The Board of Directors will no longer appoint the ARB chair and secretary. The administrative judge will now be in charge of appointing those positions. They also cut the ARB term limits to three, which means a member can only serve six years total.

George Clerihew informed the Board that as of May 30<sup>th</sup>, the District has had a total of 90,029 protests, which is a record over last year's 86,610 protests. The District has also had 31,925 efiles to-date. In the first thirty days, there was a record of 12,568 accounts worked, over last year's 9,800 worked.

Kathy Williams stated that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. She also informed the Board she will start the 2020-2021 Board of Directors' election process starting in August 2019.

## LIAISON – BEATRICE LORNE

Beatrice Lorne had no report this month.

## ITEM 6: CONSENT AGENDA

THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED SELF-EXPLANATORY BY THE BOARD AND WILL BE ENACTED WITH ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS UNLESS A BOARD MEMBER OR CITIZEN SO REQUEST.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2019
- B. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
- C. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF VALUE CHANGES

Item A was pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Mike Hassett made a motion to approve items B and C on the Consent Agenda as submitted. George Pryor seconded the motion. The vote to approve items B and C on the Consent Agenda as submitted was unanimous.

Mike Hassett requested to make a correction on item A. Approval of the April 25<sup>th</sup> minutes. The April 25<sup>th</sup> minutes, Item 8 (page 3) should read:

A motion was made by George Pryor to approve the Chief Appraiser's 3.0% cost of living adjustment. Roy Atwood seconded the motion. The vote to approve the Chief Appraiser's 3.0% cost of living adjustment was unanimous.

Mike Hassett made a motion to approve item A on the Consent Agenda with the appropriate changes. Roy Atwood seconded the motion. The vote to approve item A on the Consent Agenda with the appropriate changes was unanimous.

## ITEM 8: PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2020 DENTON CAD BUDGET

Charles Stafford opened the public hearing at 4:52 pm. No public was present to address the Board. Charles Stafford closed the public hearing at 4:52 pm.

## ITEM 9: CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE 2020 DENTON CAD BUDGET

Mrs. Williams reported that Denton CAD's proposed 2020 Budget was mailed to all the taxing entities and the public hearing notice was properly posted.

George Pryor addressed the DCAD staff and informed them that he received a letter at his personal residence last week from Bob Warner (Chairperson of the Appraisal Review Board). The letter stated that Mr. Warner felt like the ARB members deserved a \$15/hour increase in pay. Kathy Williams informed the Board of Directors that she too had received that letter. She shared an ARB salary survey

completed by Tarrant Appraisal District. She stated that both, Dallas and Tarrant, were equal pay to what the ARB currently receives and did not feel that a salary increase was needed at this time. Based on the information provided, the Board of Directors agreed.

Roy Atwood made a motion to approve the Denton CAD's 2020 Budget. The motion was seconded by George Pryor. The vote to approve Denton CAD's 2020 Budget was unanimous.

ITEM 12: ADJOURN

Chairperson, Charles Stafford, adjourned the meeting at 5:08 pm.