

Minutes of Regular Meeting, December 13, 2016
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, December 13, 2016 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
Amy Williams, Williams Business Solutions
Tracey Foster, Hugh Landrum & Associates

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 9:02 a.m.

MINUTES A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting from November 8, 2016.

MOTION: Mr. Joe Garcia
SECOND: Mr. Tom Paben
VOTE: Unanimous

AG BOARD Chris Barzilla told the board that Mr. Raymond Dollins term on the Ag Advisory Board would be up the end of December. The district asked the board members to reappoint Mr. Raymond Dollins to serve another two year term beginning January 1, 2017.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Raymond Dollins to serve another two year term effective January 1, 2017.

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

POLICY ON SALARY REQUIREMENT

Chris Barzilla mentioned that Amy Williams previously spoke to the board about the salary requirements, who qualified for the hourly rate and who was exempt. Chris Barzilla told the board that he contacted the district's auditor, other appraisal district's, along with the Department of Labor to get further clarification. Chris Barzilla said that the policy put forth states that the district will consider those employees who made over the threshold of \$47,476 will be considered exempt and those making under that amount would be considered hourly. Any comp time earned would be at a rate of 1 1/2 times the hours worked.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy presented to the board.

MOTION: Mr. Tom Paben
SECOND: Mr. Roosevelt Alexander
AGAINST: Mr. Joe Garcia
VOTE: Four to One

VITALITY

Tabled until January meeting.

PRESENTATION LANDRUM & ASSOC

Tracey Foster, with Hugh Landrum & Associates, presented the board with a handout that showed the location of all the well sites in Waller County. Tracey Foster talked about the Brookshire Salt Dome and that most of the leases are made up mostly of oil but there were some gas reserves. Tracey Foster said that there were numerous dry holes in the south end of the county but that there have been new permits with the Texas Railroad Commission with some possible production by the end of the year 2016. Tracey Foster went over the Katy Gas Consolidated Unit and the oil production in Hempstead I. S. D. Tracey Foster explained to the board the prices are going up after the presidential election and that the district will not see \$100 a barrel of oil again but around the \$52 a barrel in 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board retired into executive session at 10:07 a.m. based on Texas Government Code 551.074.

RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION

The board returned to open session at 10.47 a.m.

EVALUATION OF
CHIEF APPRAISER

The board turned in forms for the evaluation of the Chief Appraiser. There was no discussion.

LITIGATION UPDATE

Chris Barzilla commented briefly that no action had been taken on any old lawsuits. Chris Barzilla went on to say that the district lost two arbitrations and one withdrawal. Chris Barzilla stated that it is in the legislation this coming session to increase the amount of value in arbitration to 3-5 million and that this would increase the amount of arbitrations to include a lot more of commercial properties.

APPRAISAL EFFORT

Chris Barzilla mentioned that the appraisers are out in the field working on the 2017 tax year

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Chairman, Board of Directors

Date:

Secretary, Board of Directors