

Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 8, 2015
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 9:03 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 with the following members present: Mr. Royce Rape, Mr. Tom Paben, Mr. Roosevelt Alexander and Mr. Joe Garcia

Members absent: Mrs. Ellen Shelburne and Mr. Tim Junek

Also present: Chris Barzilla, Chief Appraiser
Becky Gurrola, Recording Secretary
Suzanne Hillis, Bookkeeper

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 9:03 a.m.

MINUTES A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting from May 12, 2015.

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

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF BUDGET Chris Barzilla remarked that the original proposed budget had an overall increase of \$92,342 or 1.06% over the 2015 budget. Chris Barzilla asked the board to consider adopting the proposed budget which included employee raises along with other line item increases such as the health insurance. Both Mr. Royce Rape and Mr. Tom Paben both felt like the district needed to be competitive in salaries due to the movement towards Waller County. Mr. Joe Garcia understands giving a pay increase but was not sure about the six percent that the district was requesting. Mr. Joe Garcia felt like the district should consider the same dollar amount across the board for all employees or look at giving merit raises for good employees along with longevity. Mr. Roosevelt Alexander disagreed with the merit raise for he saw how that did not work in the school district. Chris Barzilla stated that the district only considers a raise every two years.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2016 budget of \$1,559,077.

MOTION: Mr. Tom Paben
SECOND: Mr. Roosevelt Alexander
VOTE NAY: Mr. Joe Garcia

APPROVAL OF
WCAD CALENDAR

Chris Barzilla asked that the board adopt the 2016 calendar. Chris also mentioned that the proposed calendar had the same number of holidays as the previous year.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the calendar.

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

AUDITOR

Chris Barzilla said that the district is required to have its financial records audited at least once a year. Seidel, Schroeder and Company audited the district's financial records in 2014. The district was pleased with the final audit and requested that the board approve Seidel, Schroeder and Company as the auditor for 2015. The proposed cost will not exceed \$6,550 per the audit engagement letter provided to the district. There was a \$350 increase over the prior year due to a new standard for pension accounting and would require a significant amount of additional work.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Seidel, Schroeder and Company as the district's auditor for 2015.

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

DEPOSITORY BANK

Chris stated that in Section 6.09 (c) the board and the depository may agree to extend the contract for one additional two-year period. Prosperity Bank has agreed to an extension with no changes. Chris Barzilla also stated that he was very pleased with the services that they have provided.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the two-year extension on the bank depository.

MOTION: Mr. Joe Garcia
SECOND: Mr. Tom Paben
ABSTAIN: Mr. Royce Rape
VOTE:

LITIGATION UPDATE Chris Barzilla commented briefly on the lawsuits that have been filed for 2015. As of the time of this meeting the district had eight (8) Arbitrations and three (3) lawsuits. Chris Barzilla went on to say that the Goodman lawsuit was non-suited by O'Connor.

APPRAISAL EFFORT Chris Barzilla mentioned that the appraisers are out in the field working on the 2016 tax year. The district will be having three (3) new MUD's that will be collecting taxes for the 2015 tax year.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman, Board of Directors

Date:

Secretary, Board of Directors