

REGULAR MEETING
LIMESTONE APPRAISAL DISTRICT
January 19, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Limestone Appraisal District met in regular session at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, in the Appraisal District board room in Groesbeck, Texas.

Members present: Mack Jones, George Humble, Renee Turner and John McCarver

Members absent: Wanda Fewell and Stacy Hall

Staff present: Karen Wietzikoski and Terri Lenamon

Attorney: Charles Buenger

Visitors: None

Chairman Mack Jones called the meeting to order. Karen Wietzikoski, Chief Appraiser, certified proof of posting the meeting notice. The meeting began with a prayer led by George Humble and then the pledges.

George Humble made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. John McCarver seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Mr. Humble made the motion to approve the payment of bills. Renee Turner seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

No public comments were received.

Next on the agenda was to transfer line items on the 2015 Appraisal Budget. Upon the Chief Appraiser's recommendation, Mr. McCarver made the motion to take \$9,021.82 from Legal Services and transfer \$8590.14 to Computer Services and \$431.68 to Disability Insurance and to take \$23,179.95 from Contingencies and transfer \$1088.49 to ARB line, \$836.42 to Copier Supplies, \$2,197.14 to Advertising & Printing, \$2527.83 to Furniture and Equipment and \$16,530.07 to the Retirement line. Mr. Humble seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried. Mrs. Wietzikoski explained even with the line item transfers, there was a budget balance of \$62,367.22 which will be credited back to the taxing entities at the same percentage rate as they paid into the budget.

Board members turned in the Chief Appraiser's evaluations forms which complimented Mrs. Wietzikoski's job performance.

The Public Fund Investment Policy 4th Quarter Report for 2015 was presented for approval. Ms. Turner made the motion to approve same. Mr. McCarver seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Tom Benjamin, Notary Public, was present. The 2016-2017 board consists of Stacy Hall, George Humble, Mack Jones, John McCarver, Troy Miller and Renee Turner. After administering the oaths, the floor was open for nominations for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. Mr. Humble made the motion to name John McCarver as Chairman. Mack Jones seconded the motion. Mr. Humble, Mr. Jones, Mr. Miller and Ms. Turner voted for the motion. Mr. McCarver abstained. Motion carried. Mack Jones made the motion to name George Humble as Vice Chairman. Mr. McCarver seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried. Mack Jones made the motion to name Renee Turner as Secretary. Mr. McCarver seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

With the new board in place, Mrs. Wietzikoski recognized Wanda Fewell as the departing member. Although Mrs. Fewell was not at the meeting, Mrs. Wietzikoski stated that a thank you note and gift card had been purchased and would be delivered to her.

No change was made to the meeting time or dates of board meetings. Meetings will continue to be on the 3rd Tuesday of odd numbered months at 3:00 PM in the Appraisal District board room.

Updating signature cards with the District's depository, The First National Bank, Groesbeck, Texas, was discussed. Mr. Miller made the motion to add John McCarver and Mack Jones to the signature cards. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Appointment of ARB members was next on the agenda. Mr. Miller made the motion to appoint Paula J. Smith to the Appraisal Review Board, and to appoint Devin Wilson as an alternate ARB member. Mr. McCarver seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried. Mr. Miller further made the motion to appoint Tom Levi as ARB Chairman, Gerry Sunday as Vice Chairman and Penny Gray as Secretary. Mr. McCarver seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Four contracts previously approved by the prior board were presented to the new board for ratification. Mr. Humble made the motion to ratify the contract with Pritchard & Abbott Inc, for 2016 and 2017. Mr. McCarver seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried. Mr. McCarver made the motion to ratify the contract with Lisco Appraisal for 2016. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried. Ms. Turner made the motion to ratify the Chief Appraiser's contract for 2016. Mr. Humble seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried. Ms. Turner made the motion to ratify the Public Funds Investment Policy for 2016. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Mr. Buenger stated there had been no new developments regarding lawsuits against the district.

The Chief Appraiser stated in her report that David Barber, Senior Appraiser, had represented the district well in a recent arbitration hearing, in which the district received a favorable determination and would not be held responsible for any arbitration fees. Staff is busy with field and entry work and with ag forms and renditions being filed. Mrs. Wietzikoski stated the results of the 2015 Property Value Study would be released on January 31st.

There being no further business, Mr. Humble made the motion to adjourn. Mr. McCarver seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary