

REGULAR MEETING
LIMESTONE APPRAISAL DISTRICT
March 17, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Limestone Appraisal District met in regular session at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, in the Appraisal District board room in Groesbeck, Texas.

Members present: John McCarver, Jack Beene, Troy Miller, Mack Jones, Ron Franks & Stacy Hall Members absent: None Visitors: None
Attorney: Kathleen Dow
Staff present: Karen Wietzikoski

Chairman, John McCarver called the meeting to order. Karen Wietzikoski, Chief Appraiser, certified proof of posting the meeting notice. The meeting began with a prayer led by Troy Miller and then the pledges.

Troy Miller made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mack Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Jack Beene made the motion to approve the payment of bills. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

No public comments were received

Corrections of the Appraisal Roll under Tax Code 25.25b PTC were presented to the board. Mr. Miller made the motion to approve this report. Mr. Beene seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Consider updating the Public Fund Investment Policy and Adoption of Resolution was next on the agenda. The policy was presented with an update that Texas Municipal League would be the training source for the Public Fund Investment Officer. Mr. Miller made the motion to update the policy and adopt the resolution as presented. Mr. Beene seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Discussion was had on the newly released results of the 2019 Property Value Studies of the school districts represented in Limestone County. Coolidge ISD, Groesbeck ISD and Mexia ISD fell into a year one grace period but local value was certified and state funding will not be affected. The superintendent of each district concurred they did not wish to file a PVS appeal since funding was not an issue. The PVS found local value to be valid in Wortham ISD, Hubbard ISD, Mt. Calm ISD, Axtell ISD and Mart ISD.

Increasing the Retiree's Supplement Ins/Prescription Payment amounts were discussed. Currently the district has three retired employees each receiving a monthly payment of \$197.57 which includes \$155 for supplemental insurance and \$42.57 supplemental prescription. The Chief Appraiser requested these amounts be increased to \$200 and \$50 respectively for a total payment of \$250 to each retiree beginning in January 2021. Mr. Jones made the motion to approve this request. Ron Franks seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Kathleen Dow, attorney, was present and stated that final judgments had been filed on the compressor suits and refunds issued. Stacy Hall, County Tax Assessor/Collector concurred that refund payments were paid.

Mrs. Wietzikoski reported that she and Terri Lenamon attended the TAAD conference in Dallas and in visiting with others, many districts are in the same situation with the Property Value Studies. And as the Public Fund Investment Officer, she attended the required Public Fund Investment training offered by Texas Municipal League in Austin. All governmental employees are now required to receive Cyber Security Training each year. BIS Consulting offered this training by webinar and all employees of the appraisal district completed the training. Earlier an arbitration hearing was held

regarding the value of the Larry Jackson property outside of Kosse and the district is now waiting the decision of the arbitrator. SYEA Industrial, owner of the district's facility, fulfilled the district's request to have a mini-split ac unit installed to help with the cooling/heating of the board room. Gaylene Wyant turned in her resignation effective March 31st and will be moving closer to family. In lieu of the current situation and health concerns of the coronavirus and safety of employees and customers, Mrs. Wietzikoski stated that beginning Wednesday, March 18th, walk-in customers will no longer be able to enter the premises of the appraisal district building but can conduct all business on line via email, fax or telephone. The district's website has an abundance of information available to the public. At this time employees will continue to report for work and will serve the public by the available means. The situation will be monitored daily and weekly.

Additionally, Texas Association of Appraisal Districts has formally requested the Governor to suspend certain requirements for the appraisal districts – the request includes

- 1) Suspending reappraisal activities statewide for 2020 with the exception of ownership updates, value added due to new construction and exemptions being modified, added or cancelled
- 2) Suspension of the 2020 Property Value Study to be resumed in 2021
- 3) Suspension of the MAP Review for 2020
- 4) Delay sending appraisal notices until June 1, 2020 or after
- 5) Delay Approval of the Appraisal Records and Certification of the Appraisal Roll. until August 15th and August 30th respectively
- 6) Suspend that ARB hearings be physically open to the public

As of meeting time there has been no response from the Governor.

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

John McCarver, Chairman

Stacy Hall, Secretary