

REGULAR MEETING  
LIMESTONE APPRAISAL DISTRICT  
May 19, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Limestone Appraisal District met in regular session at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, in the Appraisal District board room in Groesbeck, Texas.

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

Vice-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 Troy Miller and then the pledges.

Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Ron Franks seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Jack Beene made the motion to approve the payment of bills. Mr. Miller 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. Beene made the motion to approve this report. Mr. Franks seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

The Public Fund Investment Policy 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report for 2020 was presented for approval. Mr. Miller made the motion to approve this report. Mr. Franks seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Next on the agenda was to consider and adopt resolution pertaining to appointing Appraisal Review Board members to staggered terms per Section 6.41 (e) Texas Property Tax Code. Mr. Beene made the motion to adopt the resolution that John Schaefer and Paula Smith be appointed to serve a one year term for the 2020 ARB season and that Joyce Bateman, Penny Gray and April Parolini be appointed to serve a two year term for the 2020-2021 ARB season. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

The proposed operating budget for 2021 in the amount of \$1,097,511 was presented to the board by the chief appraiser. A copy of the proposed budget has been delivered to each taxing entity for review. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, prior to the adoption of the new budget.

Regarding the office closure due to Covid-19, Mr. Beene made the motion to continue the office closure until ARB hearings have been completed and allow the Chief Appraiser to then make the decision of when the office will re-open to the public. Mr. Franks seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried. Throughout the closure, the office has been fully functional serving the public by phone, fax, emails, drop box and website information.

Charles Buenger, attorney, was present but there were no new legal matters to discuss.

Mrs. Wietzikoski reported that two new employees had been hired, those being Stacy Acosta and Lisa Piles, after the departure of Gaylene Wyant and Christel Lee. She said that preliminary value estimates went out to the assessor of all the taxing jurisdictions in a timely manner and most jurisdictions are seeing an increase in value for 2020. Further the ARB had an organizational meeting earlier in the month at which time she turned over the 2020 appraisal records and discussed with them new procedures for holding hearings by telephone and written affidavits. ARB hearings will be held June 22-26<sup>th</sup>.

She informed the board on the recent Attorney General’s opinion clearing up the matter that when the Governor declared Texas as a State of Disaster, that portion of the Property Tax Code referencing “damage caused by a disaster” refers to physical damage only and not economic damage. An update was given on the MAPS review by the comptroller’s office and Mrs. Wietzikoski stated she expected a good report when the final review is released. Mrs. Wietzikoski says the district will consider hiring a new firm for commercial appraisals in 2021 and asked that Mr. Buenger review the proposal she has received from Eagle Property Tax Appraisal & Consulting Inc.

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

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Mack Jones, Vice-Chairman

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Stacy Hall, Secretary