

WICHITA APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 11, 2019

Pursuant to notice, a meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Wichita Appraisal District ("the District") was held in the offices of the District this date at 11:00 a.m. The quorum included Board members Mike Avey, Jeff Watts, Max Schlegel, Steve Cookingham, Terry Walker, and Kerry Maroney. Also present were Lisa Stephens-Musick, Chief Appraiser, Denise Skinner and Dina Norcross, Administrative Assistants. Board members Steve Fairchild, Tommy Smyth, Glen Barham and Jeff Taylor were absent.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. and it was established that a quorum was present. Mr. Watts offered the invocation.

Adoption of Minutes

Mr. Watts offered a motion to approve the minutes of the April board meeting as presented. Mr. Maroney seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Chief Appraiser's Report

- A. Personnel – Ms. Stephens-Musick introduced Mistie Moxley, new support technician and Denise Skinner, new administrative assistant.
- B. Litigation – Ms. Stephens-Musick discussed the status of active lawsuits against the district with board members. A settlement was recently reached on a lawsuit from 2014 with Walgreens. The judge has issued an Order Setting Hearing on the case with Lowes for June 26th; both parties submitted information and it is possible a settlement may be reached.
- C. Legislation – Ms. Stephens-Musick provided information to each board member regarding bills passed by the 2019 regular session of the 86th Texas Legislature. The discussion focused on the effect the changes would make to the board of directors, appraisal district, appraisal review board, truth in taxation and future budgets.
- D. 2019 Protest – Ms. Stephens-Musick gave an overview of protest activity this year as compared with 2018. At this stage in the process, the numbers are about the same, however there is an increase this year to the online protesting. She reported that the first ARB hearings were held May 29th and the last hearings will be on July 9th.
- E. Preliminary Values – Board members were provided a spreadsheet which showed the difference between the 2019 preliminary values and the 2018 certified values. Ms. Stephens-Musick explained that there are always factors which change some values from the preliminary state to certification. The jurisdictions have been provided the preliminary values as required by law.

Closed Meeting - Executive Session – Personnel Issues

Mr. Cookingham closed the meeting at 11:50 am. The board entered into an executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 regarding personnel matters to discuss the chief appraiser's annual evaluation, contract and compensation.

Return to Open Session

Mr. Cookingham reopened the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Discussion & Appropriate Action- Chief Appraiser's Annual Evaluation, Contract and Compensation

Mr. Watts offered a motion to approve a contract with Lisa Stephens-Musick to run January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. Mr. Maroney seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Discussion & Appropriate Action- 2020 Budget Proposal

The Board reviewed the 2020 budget proposal of \$1,792,010.00 which represents an increase of 4.28% over the 2019 budget of \$1,718,382.00. It was discussed that a significant portion of the increase is due to the passage of senate bill 2. Mr. Watts offered a motion to approve the budget proposal. Mr. Avey seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Discussion & Appropriate Action- Appoint Taxpayer Liaison Officer

Denise Skinner was appointed Taxpayer Liaison Officer to replace Dina Norcross on a motion from Mr. Watts. Mr. Schlegel seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. The appointment is effective June 12, 2019.

Financial Reports

Mr. Watts offered a motion to approve the financial reports of April and May. Mr. Walker seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Taxpayer Liaison Report

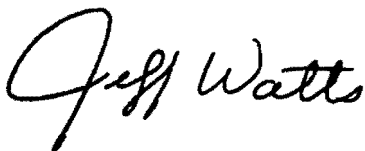
The taxpayer liaison officer had nothing to report.

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Adjournment

Mr. Cookingham announced that the next Board meeting will be Tuesday, August 13, 2019. He adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.



Jeff Watts, Secretary



Steve Cookingham, Chairman