

WICHITA APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 8, 2022

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 Steve Cookingham, Kerry Maroney, Max Schlegel, Jeff Taylor, Austin Cooper and Tommy Smyth. Also present were Lisa Stephens-Musick, Chief Appraiser, Terri Segovia, Administrative Assistant, Dent Keltner, Director of Operations. Board members, Glenn Barham, Steve Fairchild, Jeff Kindt and Jeff Watts were absent.

Call to Order & Invocation

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. Mr. Cooper offered the invocation.

Establishment of Quorum

Mr. Cookingham established a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes for April Meeting

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

Approval of Minutes for May 18, 2022 Budget Committee Meeting

Mr. Cooper offered a motion to approve the minutes of the May budget committee meeting as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Chief Appraiser’s Report

- A. 2022 Protest Activity – Mr. Keltner gave an overview of protest activity this year as compared with prior years. He reported a 20% increase in protests over the previous year; there is a 76% increase in protests from 2018 through 2022 with a 173% increase in residential protests during the five-year period. An additional two days each week have been added to the ARB hearing schedule to compensate for the increase in protests. Hearings began on June 1, 2022 and will continue through mid-July.
- B. Litigation – Ms. Stephens-Musick reported two recent lawsuit settlements with a \$5,165,909 reduction in value on one and \$369,236 on the other.
- C. Personnel – Ms. Stephens-Musick reported to the Board the increased options on the 2022 protest forms which has created numerous challenges to the support staff and appraisers combined. Everyone is working hard to make this year’s ARB season run smooth.

Discussion & Appropriate Action: Amend Budget Transfer from Account 41320 to 40000

Mr. Schlegel offered a motion to amend the budget by transferring \$7,063.00 from account 41320 to 40000. Mr. Maroney seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074

Mr. Cookingham closed the meeting at 11:43 a.m. and the board entered into an executive session.

A. 551.074 – personnel matter for which an executive session is legally authorized. Chief Appraiser’s annual evaluation, contract and compensation.

B. Any other matter for which an executive session is legally authorized.

Return to Open Session

Mr. Cookingham reopened the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Discussion & Appropriate Action: Chief Appraiser’s Annual Evaluation, Contract and Compensation

Mr. Schlegel offered a motion to approve a contract with Lisa Stephens-Musick to run January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Discussion & Appropriate Action: 2023-2024 Mineral /& Utility Appraisal Contract

Mr. Taylor offered a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Mineral/&Utility Appraisal Contract as presented. Mr. Schlegel seconded the motion, which passed 6-0

Discussion & Appropriate Action: 2023 Budget Proposal

The board reviewed the budget committee’s 2023 budget proposal of \$2,085,930.00 which represents an increase of 6.75% over the 2022 budget of \$1,953,947.00. Mr. Smyth offered a motion to approve the budget proposal. Mr. Schlegel seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Discussion & Appropriate Action: Approve Appointment of Agricultural Advisory Board

The board was provided the proposed Agricultural Advisory Board members. Keith Easter, who would be appointed for a two-year term expiring at the end of 2023, as well as Sandy Lalk and Joe Tom Collins, whose terms expire at the of 2022. Mr. Smyth offered a motion to approve the members presented. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Approval of Financial Reports

Mr. Maroney offered a motion to approve the financial reports from April and May. Mr. Schlegel seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Taxpayer Liaison Report

The taxpayer liaison officer had nothing to report.

Public Comment

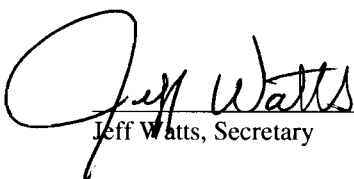
There were no comments from the public.

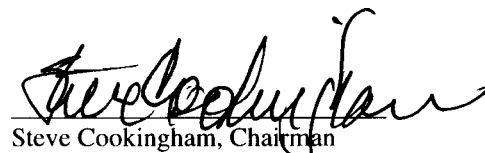
Next Meeting August 10, 2022

Mr. Cookingham announced the next Board meeting will be Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

Adjournment

Mr. Cookingham adjourned the meeting at 12:23p.m.


Jeff Watts, Secretary


Steve Cookingham, Chairman