

WICHITA APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 08, 2021

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, Glenn Barham, Jeff Taylor, Kerry Maroney, Max Schlegel and Austin Cooper. Also present were Lisa Stephens-Musick, Chief Appraiser and Denise Skinner, Administrative Assistant. Board member, Steve Fairchild arrived during the Chief Appraiser's report. Board members Jeff Kindt, Jeff Watts and Tommy Smyth were absent.

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Minutes

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

Chief Appraiser's Report

- A. 2022 Board of Director Appointments – Ms. Stephens-Musick provided board members with a list of the board members for 2022. Reappointed board members include: Glenn Barham and Jeff Taylor, City of Wichita Falls; Steve Cookingham and Kerry Maroney, Wichita Falls ISD; and Max Schlegel, representing the City of Electra, Electra ISD and Electra Hospital District. Returning board members include: Jeff Kindt, Jeff Watts, Steve Fairchild and Austin Cooper. Tommy Smyth, Wichita County Assessor/Collector continues to serve as an Ex Officio member of the board.
- B. Lawsuit Update and Arbitration Update – Ms. Stephens-Musick presented the board with updated information regarding lawsuits and arbitration cases. Discussion was held regarding a lawsuit recently settled through mediation. Of the nineteen arbitrations filed against the district, only two have been heard at this time; the arbitrator valued the property closer to the property owner's value in one case which causes the appraisal district to pay the arbitration fee and the determination on the other hasn't been issued at this time. The district was able to settle one arbitration and six others were withdrawn with no change in value; there is no potential arbitration fees on these seven accounts.
- C. TAAD Conference – The 2022 TAAD conference will be held February 7 – 9 in Grapevine. The board received an agenda indicating the sessions for board members and the board was invited to attend.

Discussion & Appropriate Action: 2021 Budget

The board members were presented with a projection of possible funds remaining at the end of the 2021 fiscal year. After board discussion, Mr. Cooper offered a motion to designate \$20,000 to TCDRS to apply towards the unfunded liability with any remaining surplus applied to the reserve funds for future hardware and software purchases. Mr. Barham offered a second to the motion, which passed 7-0.

Discussion & Appropriate Action: Renewal of Depository Contract

Per section 6.09(c) of the Texas Property Tax Code, the board elected to extend the contract executed for 2020 - 2021 with First Bank as the district's depository. Mr. Fairchild made a motion to approve the continuation of the current contract with First Bank for an additional two years. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Financial Reports

Mr. Fairchild made a motion to approve the financial reports for October and November, followed by a second from Mr. Maroney. The motion passed 7-0.

Taxpayer Liaison Report

The taxpayer liaison officer had nothing to report.

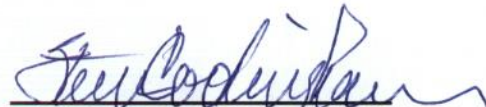
Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Adjournment

Mr. Cookingham announced that the next Board meeting would be Wednesday, February 16, 2022. He adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.


Jeff Watts, Secretary


Steve Cookingham, Chairman