

WICHITA APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 14, 2023

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 8:15 a.m. The quorum included Board members Jeff Watts, Kerry Maroney, Jeff Taylor, Austin Cooper, Steve Fairchild, Jeff Kindt and Glenn Barham. Also, present were Lisa Stephens-Musick, Chief Appraiser, Dent Keltner, Deputy Chief Appraiser and Terri Segovia, Administrative Assistant. Board members Steve Cookingham, Max Schlegel and Tommy Smyth were absent.

Call to Order & Invocation

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. Mr. Fairchild offered the invocation.

Establishment of Quorum

Mr. Watts established a quorum was present.

Discussion & Appropriate Action: Changing Board of Director Appointment Method Section 6.03 & 6.031 Texas Property Tax Code

Ms. Stephens-Musick provided information regarding Senate Bill 2, Second Session of the 88th Legislative Session that affects the appointment of the district's board of directors. Since the establishment of the district in 1982, the board of directors have been appointed under Section 6.031 of the Texas Property Tax Code, which increased the number of board members to nine appointed by the taxing jurisdictions based on an agreed allocation. SB2 is requiring jurisdictions in counties with populations over 75,000 to appoint five members to the appraisal district board as required by Section 6.03 of the tax code; additionally, three members will be elected at large in May 2024 to serve on the board effective July 1, 2024 and the tax assessor collector will continue to serve as an ex-officio member.

Ms. Stephens-Musick provided two options for changing the method required in Section 6.03 of the tax code. The first option would require that the board of directors vote to reduce the number of members to five thus allowing the jurisdictions to adopt similar resolutions and go through the appointment process to be effective January 1, 2024. The second option would be for the board to take no action, the jurisdictions appoint board members as usual and prior to July 1, 2024 determine a method to eliminate four of the nine appointed members.

Mr. Taylor offered a motion that the Board of Directors shall consist of 5, rather than 9 members per Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code, effective January 1, 2024. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Public Comment

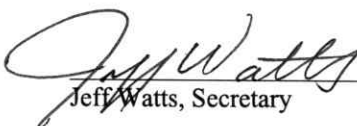
There were no comments from the public.

Next Meeting October 11, 2023

Mr. Watts announced the next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

Adjournment

Mr. Watts adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.


Jeff Watts, Secretary


Steve Cookingham, Chairman