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MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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The Board of Directors held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday **July 14, 2021** immediately after the Budget Public Hearing and considered the following agenda.

INVOCATION

No Invocation since it was done during the public hearing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No Pledge since it was done during the public hearing.

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS:

Jerry Garcia, Chairman	<u>Present</u>
Luis Elizondo, Vice Chairman	<u>Present</u>
Leo Gonzalez, Secretary	<u>Present</u>
Robert Adler	<u>Present</u>
Armando Chapa	<u>Present</u>
Gabriele Hilpold	<u>Present</u>
Rex A. Kinnison	<u>Present</u>
Butch Pool	<u>Present</u>
Kevin Kieschnick, Ex Officio	<u>Absent</u>

NON-DIRECTORS:

Ramiro Canales, Chief Appraiser	<u>Present</u>
Don Causey, Asst. Chief Appraiser	<u>Present</u>
Tom Wheat, General Counsel	<u>Present</u>
Robert Maupin, TLO	<u>Present</u>

CALL TO ORDER & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Nueces County Appraisal District was called to order at 9:07am. Let the record show that a quorum of the Board Members was present; that this meeting has been duly called; and that notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code 551 and that any conflict of interest affidavits have been received and placed on file as required by law.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION, CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the June 9, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b) Approval of the June, 2021 Disbursements
- c) Approval of the July 2021 Litigation Report

Mr. Gonzalez motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Adler second. Motion pass

DISCUSSION ON 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

None.

MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE § 551.071 CODE § 551.074

Executive session was held in open meeting.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION RELATIVE TO ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Sissamis requested that the board approve charging some invoices previously charged to the District's general legal budget to the litigation fund instead. Ms. Hilpold asked if all legal invoices get paid from litigation fund. Mr. Canales explained that only the matters concerning large accounts such as refineries and related consultants are paid from the litigation fund.

Mr. Sissamis explained that recruitment efforts for a new TLO began three months prior, 22 applications were received, and three persons were interviewed. All interviewees were current or former ARB members. A committee consisting of Mr. Sissamis, Mr. Leo Gonzales, Secretary, and Mr. Maupin, outgoing TLO. The committee recommended Ms. Terri Noack as the next TLO. Mr. Elizondo motioned to accept Ms. Noack as the new TLO starting August 1, 2021. Mr. Chapa seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Gonzales motioned to approve moving the invoices into the litigation fund. Mr. Kinnison seconded. Motion passed.

TAXPAYER LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Maupin stated that one complaint was investigated. He concluded that the taxpayer was unfamiliar with the distinction between the Appraisal Review Board and an Appraiser. Ms. Hilpold suggested of getting an online system so taxpayers can do the scheduling and possibly send other information for the protest. Mr. Causey stated that the District already has something similar in place; however, looking into a better tool may occur. Mr. Maupin stated that he has been privileged to serve in three organizations over his career - the United States Air Force, the United State Coast Guard Auxiliary, and 14 years with the Appraisal Review Board and as TLO. The District personnel with whom he worked are highly professional, courteous, and always wanting to do the best. This has been great to work with.



CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT

Mr. Canales stated that all District personnel remain required to take temperatures upon entry and may voluntarily wear masks. Most of the work force is vaccinated and there were two COVID cases in the last month. Flint Hills and Valero discussions continue. Valero's values were lowered about \$1 million; however, Valero considers the reduction insufficient. The District is getting very close to finalizing property values for 2021 and expects to certify timely by July 25th. There were more accounts protested than the prior year. Mr. Canales also commended Mr. Maupin for the work he has done for the District.

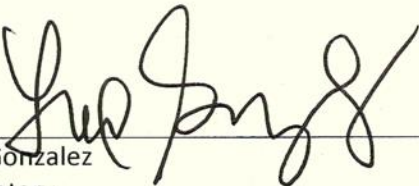
SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 am.

SIGNED:



Leo Gonzalez
Secretary

