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**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NUECES COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Meeting at **9:00 am on Wednesday May 10, 2023.**

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**DIRECTORS:**

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| Jerry Garcia, Chairman       | <u>Present</u> |
| Luis Elizondo, Vice Chairman | <u>Present</u> |
| Leo Gonzalez, Secretary      | <u>Present</u> |
| Deven Bhakta                 | <u>Present</u> |
| Armando Chapa                | <u>Present</u> |
| Caitlin Chupe                | <u>Absent</u>  |
| Gabriele Hilpold             | <u>Present</u> |
| Butch Pool                   | <u>Absent</u>  |
| Kevin Kieschnick, Ex Officio | <u>Present</u> |

**NON-DIRECTORS:**

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| Ramiro Canales, Chief Appraiser        | <u>Present</u> |
| Leticia Roberts, Asst. Chief Appraiser | <u>Present</u> |
| Melissa Vela, Attorney                 | <u>Present</u> |
| Terri Noack, TLO                       | <u>Absent</u>  |

**CALL TO ORDER & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Nueces County Appraisal District was duly called to order at 9:01 am with a quorum was present, with notice properly posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code 551 and that any conflict of interest affidavits have been placed on file as required by law.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION, CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Approval of the April 12, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of the April 2023 Disbursements
- c) Receipt of May 2023 Litigation Report
- d) Fund Financial Statement as of March 31, 2023
- e) Section 25.25 (b) Correction of Appraisal Roll Notice

Mr. Elizondo motioned to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Hilpold seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**TAXPAYER LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT**

In her absence, this report was included the board packet for Board of Directors to read.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION RELATED TO THE APPROVAL OF THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT'S 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2023 INVESTMENT REPORT**

Mr. Sissamis, Director of Administration, reported that the portfolio performance for the first quarter yield was 4.05%, which just under the benchmark of 4.63% as market interest rates rise faster than the District's portfolio reacts to increases. At this time last year, the average yield was .11%. CPI is 5.4% as the Federal Reserve counters by raising interest rates. It is uncertain what their next move will be. Mr. Gonzalez motioned to approve the 1st quarter investment report and Mr. Bhakta's second. Motion passed.

**DISCUSSION OF 2024 BUDGET CALENDAR**

Mr. Sissamis, Director of Administration, stated that the 2024 budget calendar of events is included in the board packet in Tab 9. The schedule allows one month for any delays.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: PUBLIC NOTICE** is given that the Board of Directors may elect to go into Executive Session anytime during the meeting to discuss matters listed anywhere on the Agenda, when authorized by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. **Should the Board of Directors elect to go into Executive Session, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the Executive Session will be publicly announced by the presiding officer. Upon completion of Executive Session, the Board of Directors may take such action as appropriate in open session.**

***Board of Directors went into executive session at 9:12 am.***

***Board of Directors returned to open session at 10:41 am.***



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

None.

**CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT**

Mr. Canales reported that preliminary values were sent to entities on April 28, 2023, so that entities may start working on their budgets. The community outreach satellite workshops were successful and well attended. The district started with 28,474 taxpayers' accounts; as of May 10, 2022, the count is 48,940. The Chief anticipates that the count will go higher. The District set up three mobile satellites to make it easier for taxpayers. The first was in Port Aransas, with 173 accounts and 87 accounts closed; Robstown had 134 and 74 completed; and Flour Bluff and the Island had 214 and 109 closed. During the week, the District had a town hall meeting at the Island with approximately four hundred people attending. Mr. Canales stated that after explaining how the District comes up with the value with the different resources the appraisers have, the taxpayers understood why their values were raised. Mr. Canales also reported that staff will be going to Ad Valorem Seminar Conference on August 30 through September 1, 2023, in San Antonio, Texas. From August 27 to August 30, 2023, four District staff will attend the IAAO Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. The fire alarm kept sounding. The issue was within the central computer. The component has since been replaced.

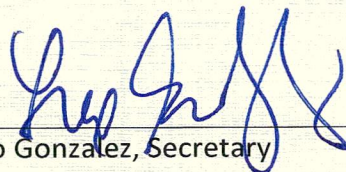
**SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Mr. Elizondo to adjourn and Mr. Gonzalez second. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

SIGNED:

  
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Leo Gonzalez, Secretary

