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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 11, 2022, in-person and via live stream** to consider the following agenda.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Irene Lugo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance as led by Mr. Jerry Garcia

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>Absent</u>
Armando Chapa	<u>Present</u>
Caitlin Chupe	<u>Present</u>
Gabriele Hilpold	<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>
Terri Noack, TLO	<u>Present</u>

CALL TO ORDER & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Nueces County Appraisal District will be called to order 9:01 am. Let the record show that a quorum of the Board Members are present; that this meeting has been duly called; and that notice of this meeting has 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 April 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of the April 2022 Disbursements
- c) Approval of the May 2022 Litigation Report

Motion was made by Mr. Chapa to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Elizondo seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Pool arrived at 9:03 am

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THIRD FLOOR RENNOVATION PROJECT

Mr. Sissamis stated that he contacted an architect, Mr. Javier Huerta with CLK, to give an estimate on having the remainder of the third floor renovated. The work involves gutting and pulling existing electrical wires, removing the carpet, replacing AC ducts, and other things. The preliminary estimate was between \$1.2-\$2.2 million. The goal is to get a detailed list of what is needed to formulate an accurate estimate. The project is expected to commence this year with a hopeful goal of completing by next year. Mr. Garcia would like for the board to set a time so they can see the 3rd floor after the meeting or when they have time.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION RELATED TO THE APPROVAL OF THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT'S 1ST QUARTER 2022 INVESTMENT REPORT

Mr. Sissamis reported that for the first quarter, an average of \$5.5 million was available to invest and earned a return of .11% or \$1,456 in economic value, versus the investment policy benchmark for the quarter of .31%. Sufficient funds are kept in the depository bank and are fully collateralized. The remaining funds were held in TexPool, earning .09%. The Federal funds rate is currently at 1.0%, and the Federal Reserve plans to continue raising the rates at .5% increments. Ms. Hilpold motioned to approve the investment report. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. Motion passed.



DISCUSSION OF 2023 BUDGET CALENDAR

The budget calendar was in the board packet as an informational item. Mr. Sissamis explained the annual budget process for the benefit of the new board member. The budget must be adopted before September 15.

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

Board of Directors' went into executive session at 9:32 am.

Board of Directors' returned to open session at 9:57 am.

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

No items to discuss.

TAXPAYER LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Noack reported that there were no comments, suggestion, or complaints. She has been getting calls about exemptions and she passes the information to the Taxpayer Services Department. The ARB has nine board members and six auxiliaries. She has received several inquiries but no applications. Ms. Hillpold asked how much do they get paid and what kind of hours. Ms. Noack stated that Auxiliaries get \$135 a day 8 to 5 and mostly work June & July three to four weeks. Regular ARB board members at two year terms, 1st term \$170, 2nd term \$180 and 3rd term \$190 they term out after three two-year terms. Ms. Noack introduced Ms. Cindra Evans, ARB Secretary.

CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT

Responding to Mr. Canales' request, Mr. Sissamis reported that he spoke to the broker for the electricity to find out if rates would be better if contracted in September or October and was told that generally they are. The power broker has checked available rates and the last ones seen were 1% higher. The broker thinks that he will be able to come up with some reasonable rates next month so we can lock a contract to begin a year from now.

Mr. Canales reported that the Preliminary Values were delivered to the entities on April 29th. Mr. Canales explained that since preliminary taxable values were sent to entities, voters approved an increase to the homestead exemptions.



Mr. Canales reported that there were several recent health issues in the office from flu and COVID. Mr. Canales invited the board members to the Ad Valorem Seminar in San Antonio held on August 24-26 and the TAAO Conference held on August 28-31 in Houston.

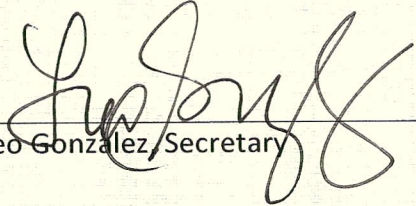
SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Elizondo to adjourn and Ms. Chupe seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.

SIGNED:



Leo Gonzalez, Secretary

