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

The Board of Directors held a Regular Meeting at 9:00 am on **Wednesday June 14, 2023.**

INVOCATION

Josh Villarreal

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Garcia led the Board of Directors on the Pledge of Allegiance.

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>
Deven Bhakta	<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>Present</u>

NON-DIRECTORS:

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>Present</u>

~ Attended Remotely

CALL TO ORDER & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Nueces County Appraisal District was dully called to order at 9:02 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 received and placed on file as required by law.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION, CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the May 10, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of the May 2023 Disbursements
- c) Receipt of June 2023 Litigation Report

Mr. Elizondo motioned to approve the consent agenda and Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TAXPAYER LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Noack stated that the ARB is busy with about 30,000 protests filed as of last week, and more coming. Mr. Garcia asked how many protests were there last year compared to this year. Ms. Noack stated that last year there were about 23, 000 and this year, it will be over 30,000. Ms. Noack also said that Mr. Cantu, one of the regular ARB members, asked to be reassigned as an auxiliary due to a family health issue. The Judge moved Mr. McCabe to the ARB regular board member and Mr. Cantu to auxiliary.

PRESENTATION ON 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mr. Canales stated that there is a 13.51% budget increase, mostly from increasing the litigation fund provision to \$1 million from \$500,000, a proposed 4% cost of living raise, and about \$400,000 for renovating the remaining half of the third floor. The third floor project is needed because of the District's growing need for offices and to add another ARB panel room.

Mr. Sissamis then presented the details of changes between the current and proposed budgets starting on page 12 of the proposed budget packet that the Board members were provided. Mr. Kieschnick raised concerns about the unusually high growth in the District's budget at a time when he estimates that some entities would face ad valorem revenue shortfalls due to current tax rate methodologies that must be used by those entities. After some discussion, staff was provided feedback to alter the budget to take the \$500,000 additional litigation funding and the third floor project estimate of \$586,000 from the fund balance. Mr. Sissamis acknowledged that the budget would be altered accordingly and sent to the entities as required by state law.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Garcia read a public notice statement 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 10:20 am.

Board of Directors returned to open session at 11:19 am.

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

No action taken.

CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT

Mr. Canales stated that there have been over 32,000 protests received compared to 28,000 last year. To certify tax rolls by July 24th, the ARB must settle 95% of the protested values and then the Certified Roll must be sent to entities to work on their budgets.

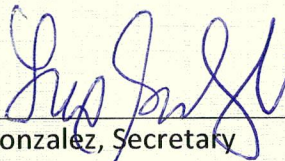
SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

No items were suggested.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Pool and Mr. Kieschnick seconds the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

SIGNED:



Leo Gonzalez, Secretary

