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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 on **Wednesday August 10, 2022.**

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Irene Lugo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was 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>
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>
Vacant	<u> </u>

NON-DIRECTORS:

Ramiro Canales, Chief Appraiser	<u>Present</u>
Don Causey, Asst. Chief Appraiser	<u>Present</u>
Melissa Vela, Attorney	<u>Present</u>
Tom Wheat, General Counsel	<u>Present</u>
Teri 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 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 July 13, 2022 Budget Public Hearing
- b) Approval of the July 13, 2022 Regular Meeting
- c) Approval of the July 2022 Disbursements
- d) Approval of the August 2022 Litigation Report

Motion was made by Mr. Chapa to approve consent agenda and Mr. Elizondo seconded.
Motion passed unanimously

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION AUDIT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Mr. Paul Chapa and Mr. Peter Slover from Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP presented findings from the most recent Homestead Exemption Analysis Project. A total of 68,935 homesteaded accounts were examined for erroneous exemptions. Of those, 531 were confirmed to have invalid exemptions and 241 remain in progress. Removal of the erroneous exemptions has so far resulted in approximately \$3.59 million of taxable value on the tax rolls across various taxing entities.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2023 BUDGET

Mr. Sissamis stated that the annual proposed budget was presented to the Board of Directors and sent to the taxing entities by June 15th and a public hearing was held July 13th. The final version of the budget was adjusted to increase the fuel line item due to recent increasing fuel prices. Mr. Gonzalez made a motion and Ms. Hilpod seconded the motion. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION RELATED TO 2ND QUARTER 2022 INVESTMENT POLICY

Mr. Sissamis, Manager of Administration, stated that an average of \$6 million was available to invest in the quarter and earned .55% versus the benchmark of 1.08% average three-month US Treasury. Portfolio yields generally tend to lag any interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve. All District funds held in the depository bank were fully collateralized.

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

Board of Directors went into executive session at 9:39 am.

Board of Directors returned to open session at 10:12 am.



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

No action taken.

DISCUSSION ON 2023-2024 REAPPRAISAL PLAN

Leticia Roberts, Real Estate Manager, stated that the Reappraisal Plan is required by Tax Code every two years. It covers all defined areas that will be evaluated, by each department, like Commercial/Land, Business Personal Property, Real Estate, and TY Picket mineral and industrial accounts are on a timeline.

Mr. Canales acknowledged Ms. Kristi Hill, Taxpayer Services Manager, on a well-run department that worked with Linebarger on the Homestead Exemption audit. Mr. Kieschnick also worked with Ms. Hill and did a great job.

TAXPAYER LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Canales also complimented Ms. Noack for her work with the ARB and Taxpayers. The complaint that is ongoing was sent to Judge Valdez. The last hearings were held On July 18th and records were turned over to Mr. Canales on July 19th. Ms. Noack reported that the ARB worked hard and would work late several times and they did a good job. Ms. Noack also stated that the Appraisers did a fabulous job they were on top of everything. Ms. Noack would like the Board to consider adding three auxiliary members in a future year to adequately provide coverage for any members that are out ill or doctor appointments. The ARB will probably be running five panels next year. Mr. Pool stated that one of the County Commissioners had a complaint from a taxpayer and it was forwarded to him. The taxpayer was very upset. Mr. Pool forward all the information to Ms. Noack and the taxpayer after wards wrote a very nice email to Mr. Pool about how helpful she was. Mr. Elizondo wanted to know the outcome of the complaint against the ARB member. Ms. Noack said she had received two other complaints about the same member. Mr. Canales stated that Ms. Noack would contact the ARB member and give him a choice to either resign or be removed. If the member chooses not to resign, the Board has the right to remove him, and he will have the right to appeal to the judge.



CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT

Mr. Canales reported that certificate roll has been completed. Special thanks to the ARB Chair for expiating it.

Mr. Canales stated that staff did commendable job all the work they did. Mr. Canales gave a recognition to Mr. Causey for doing a great job. He also reminded the board about the Ad Valorem Legal Seminar on August 24-26 and the TAAO Conference on August 28-31. Mr. Kieschnick gave staff recognition for a job well done. The appraisal roll was very well done.

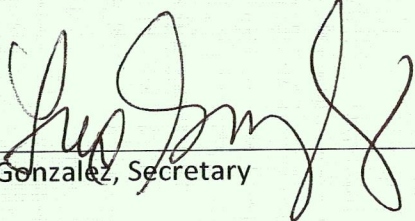
SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Pool to adjourn, and Ms. Hilpold seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

SIGNED:



Leo Gonzalez, Secretary

