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

The Board of Directors held a Regular Meeting **Wednesday November 18, 2020** via live stream to consider the following agenda.

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Joshua Villarreal.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The National and State Pledges were led by Chairman 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>
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 9:00am. 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 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 October 21, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of November, 2020 Litigation Report
- c) Approval of the October, 2020 Disbursements
- d) Section 25.25(b) Correction of Appraisal Roll Notice

Mr. Elizondo motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Ms. Hilpold seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON APPROVING 2020 YEAR-END BUDGET LINE ITEMS TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

Motion was made by Mr. Chapa to approve 2020 Year-End Budget line item transfers and appropriating funds. Mr. Gonzalez seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION RELATED TO GASB 54 FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Sissamis stated that it is for the purpose of designating funding remaining at year-end and/or refunding those funds. There was discussion about the various purposes for which the funds will be utilized. Mr. Pool motion to accept. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board went into executive session at 9:07am.

Sec. 551.071. Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting.

A governmental body may not conduct a Private Consultation with its attorney except:

- (1) When the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about:
 - (a) Pending or contemplated litigation; or
 - (b) A settlement offer; or

- (2) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.
- Update on San Patricio Boundary Case
 - Update on C.C. Liquifaction
 - Update on Valero and Flint Hills

Sec. 551.074. Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting.

- (1) This chapter does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting:
- (a) to deliberate the appointment, employment evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or
- (b) to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.
- (2) Subsection (a) does not apply if the officer or employee who is subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing.
- Annual Review of Chief Appraiser

The Board returned from executive session at 10am.

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

[Draft minutes were updated at the 01/13/2021 Board meeting, as shown below in italics.]

Based on the discussions of having comparable salaries and the NCAD Chief Appraiser being on the lower end, Ms. Hilpold motioned to give Mr. Canales a 5% raise and a one-year contract extension. Mr. Elizondo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pool motioned that the Board to approve further exploring a deal with the consultant discussed in Executive Session regarding the Valero case. Mr. Kennison seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION RELATIVE TO RATIFY ALL BOARD ACTION TAKEN DURING 2020 BOARD MEETINGS

Motion was made by Mr. Chapa to ratify all board action taken during 2020 Board Meetings. Mr. Gonzalez second. Motion passed unanimously.

TAXPAYER LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Maupin reported a correction to his report that there are 11 positions to fill for ARB, not 10. Mr. Maupin stated that all positions will get filled when judge make his decision.

CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT

Mr. Canales reported that this would be the final meeting of 2020. It has been a difficult yea and the District will remain closed to public until further notice depending on the COVID-19 situation. On behalf of the staff, Mr. Canales thanked the Board members for supporting staff and for the cost-of-living raises to be implemented in 2021.

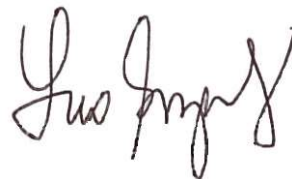
SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Garcia thanked the Board members for their work in 2020. Mr. Elizondo motioned to adjourn with Ms. Hilpold seconding. Motioned carried unanimously.

SIGNED:



Leo Gonzalez
Secretary