



The Nueces County Appraisal District Board of Directors held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 in the Board Room at 201 N. Chaparral, Corpus Christi, Texas.

REGULAR MEETING

I. Invocation

The invocation was led by Mr. Ken Combs.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board of Directors

III. Roll Call of the Board of Directors

DIRECTORS:

Jerry Garcia, Chairman	<u>Present</u>	Robert Cenci, Chief Appraiser <u>Pres</u>	<u>ent</u>
Luis A. Elizondo, Vice-Chairman	<u>Absent</u>	Ramiro Canales, Asst. Chief Appraiser Pres	<u>ent</u>
Jose J. Guzman, Secretary	<u>Present</u>	Tom Wheat, General Counsel Pres	<u>ent</u>
Robert Adler	<u>Present</u>		
John Valls	<u>Present</u>		
Kim Johnson	<u>Present</u>		
Kevin Kieschnick	<u>Absent</u>		
Eugene Bouligny	<u>Present</u>		
Greg Smith	<u>Present</u>		

1. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum. The meeting of the Nueces County Appraisal District Board of Directors will be called to order at 9:34 A.M. and 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 had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't Code § 551, (Vernon Supp. 2009) and that any conflict of interest affidavits had been received and placed on file as required by law.

2. VISITORS'/AUDIENCE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

No visitors or comments from the audience.

3. PLAQUE PRESENTATION TO FORMER ARB BOARD MEMBERS.

Jerry Garcia, Chairman for the Board of Directors, read a thank you letter from Mrs. McClellan, former ARB Chairperson. A plaque was presented to her along with a letter of appreciation that was signed by all board members. Other former ARB members that received plaques and letters were Hugh Smith, Patricia Stewart, Robert Maupin.

4. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

- a) Motion was made by Mr. Bouligny to approve the June 11, 2014 regular meeting. Mr. Guzman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) Motion was made by Mr. Valls to approve the June 11, 2014 budget workshop meeting. Mr. Bouligny seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- c) Motion was made by Mr. Guzman to approve the June 27, 2014 special board meeting. Mr. Adler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- d) Tom Wheat, General Counsel, gave litigation report he stated that there were 60 cases on list, 50 are active and 10 have been settle and will stay on the list until all paper work is completed. Motion was made by Mr. Adler to approve the litigation report. Mr. Valls seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- e) Sandra Garcia, Manager of Administration, went over disbursements. Motion was made by Mr. Valls to approve the June 2014 disbursements. Mr. Guzman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- f) Sandra Garcia, Manager of Administration, reported that an Appraiser in Real Estate resigned and his last date of employment will be on July 14, 2014. The position had been filled already. Britt Kruger's first date of employment will be on July 15th the position is filled.

Ms. Kim Johnson showed up at 10:10 A.M.

5. <u>DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SENDING OF NOTICE TO AMEND THE 2014</u> <u>BUDGET TO TAXING ENTITIES.</u>

Sandra Garcia, Manager of Administration, reported that in the 2014 budget \$175,000 has been allocated for the purchase of a power generator. On April 9, 2014, representatives from AEP informed the board that because of the Appraisal District's proximity to the Corpus Christi Police Department the district would have top priority to getting back online in case of a power outage.

Robert Cenci, Chief Appraiser, and Ramiro Canales, Assistant Chief Appraiser, would like to implement an Employee Retention Plan that would increase the appraiser base salary at their respective level. They would like for this plan to be effective September 1, 2014. In order to accomplish this, Mr. Cenci is requesting that \$70,000 of the \$175,000 be transferred to salaries.

Mr. Cenci would also like for the remainder \$105,000 from the original \$175,000 be transferred to legal services. The reason for this increase is due to the high number of lawsuits filed against the district and the pending litigation in the San Patricio boundary dispute case.

There will be no budgetary impact to the taxing entities allocated funding. Mr. Cenci stated that the retention is to keep the appraisers after they are trained and educated. Motion was made by Mr. Valls to authorize the sending of notice to amend the 2014 budget to taxing entities. Mr. Guzman seconded the motion. Motion passed Mr. Smith opposed the amendment of the 2014 budget.

6. TAXPAYER LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr. Combs reported that there are no complaints and that feedback is good. He also stated that a Taxpayer sent a thank you. Caller Times is continuing to print Mr. Comb's article on the Sunday Homes Section. Mr. Combs will be looking for new ARB members a total of 7 members.

7. CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT.

Mr. Cenci stated that over 16,000 protests have been filed. He also informed the board on the upcoming TAAO conference.

8. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA.

Parking Issue
Current compliance state comptroller office

9. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith to adjourn. Mr. Adler seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

SIGNED:

: <u>Sex Sum</u> Jose J. Guzman, Secretary