REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NUECES COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Nueces County Appraisal District held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 in the board room, Nueces County Appraisal District building, 201 North Chaparral Street, Corpus Christi, Texas.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Irene Lugo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Board of Directors

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS:  
John Valls, Chairman  Present  
Luis Elizondo, Vice-Chairman  Present  
Leo Gonzalez, Secretary  Present  
Robert Adler  Present  
Armando Chapa  Present  
Gabrielle Hilpold  Absent  
Jerry Garcia  Present  
Rex A. Kinnison  Present  
Kevin Kieschnick, Ex Officio  Present

NON-DIRECTORS:  
Ramiro Canales, Chief Appraiser  Present  
Don Causey, Asst. Chief Appraiser  Present  
Tom Wheat, General Counsel  Present  
Robert Maupin, TLO  Present

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 9:16 am. A quorum of the Board Members was present; this meeting has been duly called; and 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

There was no public comment.

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

Board went into executive session at 9:17 am

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

Board returned to open session at 10:16 a.m. Motion was made by Mr. Elizondo to accept to pay Audrey Vicknair, attorney, from the litigation fund. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion. Motion passed.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Kieschnick reported that since September of last year, the committee on which he participates and that includes Hugh Shine and thirty other individuals, has been working on several bills. The representatives are from Texas Association of Appraisal, Texas Collectors Association, Realtor Association, TARA and all American Ad Valorem. The process that the committee is developing deals with reappraisal process after disaster and dealing with appraisal district specific items such as MAPS reviews and property valuation studies. What happens post-disaster when appraisal district is potentially destroyed or non-existent? Representatives brought in Michael Soto, Chief Appraiser from Aransas County and Chris Boyce, Emergency Management for Nueces County to explain the processes that came through. What the committee is proposing to eliminate disaster reappraisal and opt for an exemption instead.

TAXPAYER LIAISON OFFICER’S REPORT

Mr. Maupin had another appointment but provided the TLO report for the Board’s review.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION, CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of the minutes of July 11, 2018 Public Hearing Meeting
b) Approval of the minutes of July 11, 2018 Regular Meeting
c) Approval of August 2018 Litigation Report
d) Approval of the July 2018 Disbursements
The Chair entertained motion to approve consent agenda as presented. Mr. Chapa motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2019 BUDGET

Mr. Sissamis, Administration Manager went over the 2019 draft budget and requested that the board move to approve. Mr. Gonzalez motioned to approve the 2019 budget. Mr. Chapa second the motion. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION RELATED TO 2ND QUARTER 2018 INVESTMENT REPORT

Mr. Sissamis, Manager of Administration, discussed the investment report for the second quarter of 2018. The average portfolio for the quarter totaled $3.1 million and earned 1.46% return on investment compared to the benchmark of 1.88%. The Chair entertained motion to approve 2nd quarter investment. Mr. Elizondo motion to approve. Mr. Adler second. Motion passed.

CHIEF APPRAISER’S REPORT

Mr. Canales reported that certification of the appraisal roll has been done. Mr. Canales invited Board members who are interested to attend the Ad Valorem Legal Seminar to be held in San Antonio August 29 through 31. Vehicle purchases are done. There is a recall of air bags in 10 vehicles. Due to a high nationwide demand for the airbags, the dealership is providing rental cars until the replacement airbags are installed.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Legislative update.

ADJOURNMENT

Board adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

SIGNED:  

[Signature]

Leo Gonzalez, Secretary