REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NUECE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Nueces County Appraisal District held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 in the board room, Nueces County Appraisal District building, 201 North Chaparral Street, Corpus Christi, Texas.

INOCATION

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:                          NON-DIRECTORS:
John Valls, Chair                  Ramiro Canales, Chief Appraiser
Luis Elizondo, Vice Chairman       Present                  Present
Leo Gonzalez, Secretary            Don Causey, Asst. Chief Appraiser
Robert Adler                       Present                  Present
Armando Chapa                     Tom Wheat, General Counsel
Jerry Garcia                       Present                  Present
Gabriele Hilpold                   Robert Maupin, TLO
Rex A. Kinnison                    Present
Kevin Kieschnick, Ex Officio      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 9:04 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 were no public comments.

MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS OPEN MEETING ACT, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE § 551.071 AND § 551.072 AND § 551.074

Board went into executive session at 9:07 a.m.

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

Board returned to open session at 10:34 a.m. Items that were discussed and action taken.

Chair Valls entertained a motion to approve Audrey Vicknair’s invoice as presented. Mr. Garcia motion to approve and Mr. Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chair entertained motion to approve a renewal for a one year contract for legal expert Roy Martin as it relates to litigation fund and the Valero issue. Mr. Kinnison motion to approve contact and Mr. Gonzalez second the motion. Motion Passed.

Chair entertained motion to approve a two-year renewal contract for Mr. Robert Maupin as TLO Taxpayer Liaison Officer as it currently stands. Mr. Garcia motion to approve TLO contract and Mr. Adler second the motion. Motion passed.

Chair entertained motion to approve spread sheet of litigation fund activities ending date 12/31/18 as it relates to litigation funds expenses. Mr. Garcia motions to approve and motion to make it available to any of the taxing entities for transparency. Mr. Adler second the motion. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION, CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of the minutes January 9, 2019 Regular Meeting
b) Approval of February 2019 Litigation Report
c) Approval of the January 2019 Disbursements
d) Fund Financial Statement- December 31, 2018 (Preliminary Unaudited)

Chair entertained motion to approve consent agenda as presented. Mr. Kieschnick motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Garcia second. Motion passed.
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Kieschnick reported that there is concern for two House Bills that the Board and Chief Appraiser should be concerned about. HB 1484 and HB 1485, if passed, would decrease Board Members from nine to five and the Chief Appraiser along with the Board Members would run for election every two years, respectively. Property Disaster Bills 492 and 493 are basically the same, except that one bill provides reimbursement by the state to any taxing unit while the other leaves this optional. SB202 mandates the reappraisal of property destroyed area in 45 days. Other bills like SB 434 and 443 allow extending the exemption from two to five years until it becomes usable. Mr. Kieschnick summarized some other bills related to sunsets and that transportation is expecting a high amount of activity. He stated that Texas Legislative Online bill tracker is good.

DISCUSSION ON ATTENDING BOARD MEETINGS REMOTELY

Mr. Wheat stated that in order to have a meeting teleconference attendance, the general rule is that this is precluded. Each meeting must be a public meeting with proper notice and with a quorum present at a specific location so that the public may have access to it. Rare exceptions allow members to attend by video or teleconference is if it is an emergency meeting where members have two hours to provide notice before the meeting. An emergency meeting is for an urgent public necessity that exists due to an imminent threat to the public safety. If a quorum cannot be established, then a board member can video or teleconference but would have to have audio and visual access.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION RELATED TO THE APPROVAL OF THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT'S 4TH QUARTER 2018 INVESTMENT REPORT

Chair Valls entertained motion to approve 4th quarter 2018 investment report. Mr. Garcia motioned to approve and Mr. Kinnison seconded the motion. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION RELATED TO THE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR 2019

Chair Valls entertained motion with no changes to the investment policy for 2019. Mr. Kieschnick motioned and Mr. Adler seconded. Motion passed.

TAXPAYER LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Maupin’s TLO report was provided in the board packet.
CHIEF APPRAISER’S REPORT

Mr. Canales reported that all reappraisals will be sent in the first week of April. Dates are being finalized for the annual mobile workshops, which will be held in Port Aransas, Flour Bluff and Robstown. Mr. Canales advised the Board that major work will be done on the air conditioner to replace a condensing coil. Mr. Canales also indicated that some of Port Aransas values are on the upside. Staff members will be attending TAAD conference at the end of February. Diana Vargas, Manager of Taxpayer, is retiring after 38 years of service. Mr. Garcia asked what the percentage of completion was in Port Aransas. Mr. Canales replied that it is an ongoing work in progress.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION RELATED TO THE 2019 APPRAISAL NOTICES PURSUANT TO § 25.19 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE

Chair Valls entertained motion to approve. Mr. Garcia motion and Mr. Chapa second. Motion passed.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

SIGNED:

Leo Gonzalez, Secretary