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, October 16, 2019 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:

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<td>John Valls, Chair</td>
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<td>Luis Elizondo, Vice Chairman</td>
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<td>Leo Gonzalez, Secretary</td>
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<td>Robert Adler</td>
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<td>Armando Chapa</td>
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<td>Jerry Garcia</td>
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<td>Gabriele Hilpold</td>
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<td>Rex A. Kinnison</td>
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<td>Kevin Kieschnick, Ex Officio</td>
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NON-DIRECTORS:

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<td>Ramiro Canales, Chief Appraiser</td>
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<td>Don Causey, Asst. Chief Appraiser</td>
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<td>Tom Wheat, General Counsel</td>
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<td>Robert Maupin, TLO</td>
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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 9:08 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

None.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION, CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of the minutes of the August 14, 2019 Regular Meeting  
b) Approval of October, 2019 Litigation Report  
c) Approval of the August and September, 2019 Disbursements

Mr. Garcia motioned to approve and Mr. Elizondo seconded. Motion passed.

TAXPAYER LIAISON OFFICER’S REPORT

Mr. Maupin reported that background checks were under way for the positions that need to be filled for the 2020 Appraisal Review Board. The Nueces County District Administrative Judge would complete the selection by the first week of November. Mr. Maupin reported that this would be the final year that the District Board would select the ARB Chair and Secretary. Due to the Senate Bill 2 changes, the Judge would select the Chair and Secretary in the future. If for any reason, the Judge would not select a Chair and Secretary, then the decision would be made by the District Board. Mr. Garcia asked how the Judge would be able to appoint a Chair and Secretary if that person were not involved with the ARB. Mr. Maupin replied that he and Mr. Wheat would provide recommendations to the Judge.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION RELATED TO 3RD QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT

Mr. Sissamis reported the District’s portfolio performed close to its benchmark and that the Federal Funds rate had been lowered twice in 2019 to its current 2%. It is difficult to predict the future of this rate. Mr. Elizondo motioned to approve the investment report with Mr. Garcia seconding. Motion passed.

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

The Board went into executive session at 9:14 am
The Board returned to open session at 10:08 am and the meeting recessed.

The meeting reconvened at 10:19 am.

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

Mr. Wheat informed the Board that Chiniere (Corpus Christi Liquefaction) was the second case filed in the Texas Supreme Court following the Oxy case. Statute requires a response within 90 days and it has been 60 days with no response yet from the court. Also, outside counsel has been considered on a contingency fee to handle the Valero case. Finally, Mr. Wheat is submitting final transition bills for appellate counsel Vicknair. Once paid her services have ended.

Chair entertained a motion to approve that the Vicknair billings and other pending invoices listed on the Litigation Fund Accounting schedule to be charged to the Litigation Fund. Mr. Kinnison motioned to approve and Mr. Elizondo seconded. Motion passed.

**DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ENGAGEMENT OF PHIPPS, DEACON & PURNELL, PLLC, LAW FIRM TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES CONCERNING PENDING LITIGATION BY VALERO REFINING, LP, AND ITS RELATED ENTITIES AGAINST THE NUECES COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR THE TAX YEARS OF 2018 AND 2019, WHICH SERVICES ARE TO BE PAID ON A CONTINGENCY CONTRACT BASED ON THE INCREASED VALUE RECOVERY ONLY, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTIONS 2254 AND 403 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE**

Chair entertained a motion to authorize the Chief Appraiser to execute an agreement with Phipps, Deacon & Purnell related to pending litigation by Valero Refinery and related entities in the form of a resolution to be presented to the taxing entities of Del Mar College, Corpus Christi Independent School District, Nueces County, and City of Corpus Christi. Mr. Garcia motioned and Mr. Elizondo seconded. Motion passed.

**CHIEF APPRAISER’S REPORT**

Mr. Canales reported that the air conditioning is in need of repairs. Three new trucks were ordered and expected to be received by mid-November. This will complete the new vehicles purchase for 2019. Staff are still trying to find a solution to the limited parking issue.

**SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

None.
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

SIGNED:  

Leo Gonzalez, Secretary