

REGULAR MEETING
LIMESTONE APPRAISAL DISTRICT
November 21, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Limestone Appraisal District met in regular session at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, in the Appraisal District board room in Groesbeck, Texas.

Members present: Ron Franks, Stacy Hall, Mack Jones, John McCarver, Troy Miller and Rene Turner

Members absent: None

Staff present: Karen Wietzikoski

Attorney: Charles Buenger

Visitors: Debbie Williams

Chairman John McCarver called the meeting to order. Karen Wietzikoski, Chief Appraiser, certified proof of posting the meeting notice. The meeting began with a prayer led by Karen Wietzikoski and then the pledges.

Troy Miller made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mack Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the payment of bills. Ron Franks seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

No public comments were received. Visitor Debbie Williams, stated she was present in the event there were any questions regarding Citizens State Bank's proposal for the district depository, addressed later on the agenda.

Next on the agenda was to transfer line items on the 2017 Appraisal Budget. Upon the Chief Appraiser's recommendation, Mr. Jones made the motion to take \$7,085.53 from Legal & Accounting and transfer \$200.68 to WC & GL Insurance, \$6,241.86 to Mapping, \$352.99 to Advertising & Printing and \$290.00 to Audit fees, thereby keeping the budget in balance. Renee Turner seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Audit proposals for the 2017 financial records were considered. Two proposals were received, those being one from Anderson, Marx & Bohl, PC not to exceed \$5400 -\$5800, and one from Singleton, Clark & Company PC for a fee of \$6250. Ms. Turner made the motion to accept the proposal of Anderson, Marx & Bohl, PC. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Selection of the district's depository for the upcoming fiscal years of 2018 and 2019 was considered. Bid proposals were submitted by Citizens National Bank, Mexia, Citizens State Bank, Groesbeck, Farmers State Bank, Groesbeck and Incommons Bank, Mexia. After the review of each, Mr. Jones made the motion to accept the proposal of Citizens State Bank, Groesbeck, which offered the most services and the best rates of interest. Mr. Franks seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Appointing Appraisal Review Board members was next on the agenda. Joyce Bateman and John Schaefer had submitted applications to serve. After some discussion, Ms. Turner made the motion to appoint both Ms. Bateman and Mr. Schaefer to the ARB. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

The chief appraiser reviewed with the board the current benefits provided with Texas County and District Retirement. She demonstrated plan options that other districts are providing and asked the board to consider increasing the Employer matching rate from 200% to 225%. After reviewing the options, Ms. Turner made the motion to approve this change. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

The board additionally considered making a lump sum contribution to TCDRS as done in past years and as recommended by the auditor. Mr. Miller made the motion to contribute an additional \$20,000 to the district's plan. Mr. Franks seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

The Public Fund Investment Report for quarter ending September 30, 2017 was presented for approval. Ms. Turner made the motion to approve same. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

The board reviewed the Chief Appraiser's contract for 2018. Mr. Jones made the motion to approve the contract. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Mr. Buenger stated USAC Leasing has continued with their lawsuit for 2017 and he had filed an answer on behalf of the district. There were no other new legal developments.

Mrs. Wietzikoski reported that ballots have been delivered to all entities voting on the 2018-19 Board of Directors. Those nominated are Joyce Bateman, Jack Beene, Arthur Busby Sr., Larry Brown, Ron Franks, Mack Jones, John McCarver, Troy Miller and Renee Turner. Ballots are due back by December 15th. The 5 candidates receiving the most votes will serve as the new Board of Directors. She further reported that Trey Perkins had resigned as a field appraiser. She is currently working on the 2017 Property Value Study clerical error report and received word this week that preliminary documents on the MAP review will be due by the end of the year. Field work and entry work continues in Coolidge, Hubbard, Mt. Calm and Mart ISDs.

In addition to the USAC Leasing lawsuit, one tax agent representing several properties has filed for binding arbitration.

There being no further business, Ms. Turner made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Franks seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

John McCarver, President

Renee Turner, Secretary