

REGULAR MEETING
LIMESTONE APPRAISAL DISTRICT
January 15, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Limestone Appraisal District met in regular session at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, in the Appraisal District board room in Groesbeck, Texas.

Members present: John McCarver, Jack Beene, Troy Miller, Ron Franks, Mack Jones and Stacy Hall

Members absent: None

Staff present: Karen Wietzikoski

Visitors: None

Attorney: Charles Buenger

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 Troy Miller and then the pledges.

Jack Beene 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. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

No public comments were received.

Next on the agenda was to transfer line items on the 2018 Appraisal Budget. Upon the Chief Appraiser's recommendation, Mr. Beene made the motion to take \$10,000 from Contingencies and \$11,270.48 from Legal Services and transfer \$19,894.74 to Retirement and \$1375.74 to Postage Meter Rental, to take \$7136.97 from Salaries and transfer same amount to BIS/Mapping, to take \$1266.94 from Books & Subscriptions and transfer same amount to Dues & Memberships, take \$4000 from Travel and \$891.86 from Schools & Education and transfer \$4251.86 to Computer Services and \$640 to Audit Fees. By making these transfers the 2018 Appraisal Budget will be in balance with an overage of \$19,837.86 to be refunded to the taxing jurisdictions as a credit on their 2019 2nd Quarter Payments. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Board members turned in the Chief Appraiser Evaluation forms which complimented Mrs. Wietzikoski's job performance.

To comply with Section 6.41 Texas Property Tax Code, a resolution was presented to the Board regarding the size of the Appraisal Review Board. Mr. Beene made the motion to adopt the resolution stating the size of the ARB would be at five members to serve staggered terms. Ron Franks seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Also regarding the ARB, the appointment of ARB officers was needed. Mr. Beene made the motion to appoint Paula Smith as Chairman, Joyce Bateman as Vice Chairman and Penny Gray as Secretary. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried. They will be serving on the ARB along with John Schaefer and April Parolini.

The Public Fund Investment Policy 4^m Quarter Report for 2018 was presented for approval. Mr. Miller made the motion to approve. Mr. Franks seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Ratification of the Public Fund Investment Policy was next on the agenda. Mr. Miller made the motion to ratify the policy as presented. Mr. Franks seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

The district, in past years, has contracted with Lisco Appraisal Services for the appraisal of commercial properties. The chief appraiser explained there was a name change to the company, now known as Winnett Appraisal Service. A new contract listing the new company name was presented for approval and ratification. Mr. Franks made the motion to approve and ratify the contract with Winnett Appraisal Service. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Next on the agenda was to consider bids on the installation of safety glass at the front counter. Mrs. Wietzikoski stated she was awaiting additional information from the bidders and did not have anything to present at this time. In discussions along this line, the board asked the chief appraiser to check on the installation of panic buttons that could be used within the office.

Charles Buenger was in attendance for legal matters. Regarding the judgments presented on the compressor suits, the board asked Mr. Buenger to contact the attorneys for each company to see if they might consider the waiving of payment of interest if refunds were made within thirty days of the judgments being filed for record. Mr. Buenger agreed to do this.

In the Chief Appraiser's report Mrs. Wietzikoski stated that David Barber, Senior Appraiser, had represented the district well in a recent arbitration hearing, in which the district received a favorable determination and would not be held responsible for any arbitration fees. Staff is busy with field and entry work in addition to ag forms and renditions coming into the office. Mrs. Wietzikoski brought to the board's attention that documents were recently recorded regarding the Prairie Hill Wind Project and also she had received a call regarding a possible Solar Farm project in Limestone County.

There being no further business Mr. Beene made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

John McCarver, Chairman

Stacy Hall, Secretary