

REGULAR MEETING
LIMESTONE APPRAISAL DISTRICT
January 21, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Limestone Appraisal District met in regular session at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, in the Appraisal District board room in Groesbeck, Texas.

Members present: John McCarver, Jack Beene, Troy Miller, Mack Jones, Ron Franks & Stacy Hall Members absent: None Visitors: Dr. James Cowley-GISD Supt.
Attorney: Charles Buenger
Staff present: Karen Wietzikoski & Terri Lenamon

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.

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

Jack Beene made the motion to approve the payment of bills. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Visitor, Dr. James Cowley, Superintendent with Groesbeck ISD, stated he was present to hear the attorney's report in hopes of getting information regarding the finalization of the lawsuits regarding the compressors.

Next on the agenda was to transfer line items on the 2019 Appraisal Budget. Upon the Chief Appraiser's recommendation, Mr. Miller, made the motion to take \$14,933.51 from Contingencies and transfer \$9942.05 to Furniture & Equipment and \$4991.46 to Computer Services. And to take \$6,870.76 from Legal and Accounting and transfer \$213.48 to Salaries, \$227.45 to Group Retirement, \$128 to Commercial Insurance & Bonding, \$478 to Dues & Memberships, \$4481.37 to Books and Subscriptions \$1250 to Audit Fees and \$92.46 to Disability Insurance. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried. There was an excess budget balance in the amount of \$20,407.62 which will be refunded the taxing entities at the same percentage in which they paid into the 2019 budget.

The Public Fund Investment Policy 4th Quarter Report for 2019 was presented for approval. Mr. Beene made the motion to approve this report. Ron Franks seconded the motion. All vote aye, motion carried.

Corrections of the Appraisal Roll under Tax Code 25.25b PTC were presented to the board. Mr. Franks made the motion to approve this report. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Terry Lenamon, Notary Public, was present to swear in the new board members. The 2020-2021 board consists of Jack Beene, Ron Franks, Mack Jones, John McCarver and Troy Miller. Stacy Hall, County Tax A/C continues to serve as a non-voting member of the board of directors. After administering the oaths, the floor was open for nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. Mr. Jones made the motion to name John McCarver as Chairman. Mr. Franks seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried. Mr. Franks made the motion to name Mack Jones as Vice Chairman. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried. Mr. Miller made the motion to name Stacy Hall as Secretary. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Ratification of the commercial appraisal contract with Winnett Appraisal Service was presented to the board. Mr. Beene made the motion to ratify the contract with Winnett Appraisal Service for the appraisal of commercial properties for the 2020 tax year. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

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

Board members turned in the Chief Appraiser Evaluation forms which indicated Mrs. Wietzikoski continues to perform in a satisfactory manner.

In the attorney's report, regarding the compressor lawsuits, Mr. Buenger stated that the suit with CDM Resource Management was the only suit that had not filed a Final Judgment. He stated in speaking with their attorney, CDM Resource Management only wanted a refund on the taxes erroneously paid, but agreed to waive any interest that was due them. He recommended to Dr. Cowley that Groesbeck ISD issue a refund check to CDM Resource Management for the taxes due.

Mrs. Wietzikoski stated that staff was extremely busy with all that is involved with the reappraisal for 2020. Field and entry work in Mexia ISD are underway, personal property renditions have been mailed and are being returned and worked, mapping is adjusting to the new map using the services of BIS Consulting. An additional website will be created in 2020 for truth and taxation purposes. Cost scheduled are being reviewed and it appears most will see an increase in 2020. The staff attended a customer service training seminar last week in Fairfield hosted by Freestone Central Appraisal District. Mrs. Wietzikoski brought her staff into the meeting and introduced them to the board giving a brief summary of what their duties entailed. David Barber, Senior Field Appraiser, Leah Briggs, Deed Change Assistant, Christel Lee, Exemptions and Data Entry Assistant, Terri Lenamon, Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper, Mary Marcotte, Business Personal Property Appraiser, Robin Mattix, Front Office, Mapping & Appraisal Assistant, Jo Rogerson, Business Personal Property Appraiser trainee, Ricky Welch, Mapper, Gaylene Wyant, Front Office and Ag Assistant, and Mike Young, Field Appraiser. Mrs. Wietzikoski complimented her staff and stated the board should be extremely proud of the work they do.

Mrs. Wietzikoski stated that Mary Marcotte has announced her retirement at the end of January after almost 39 year with the district. A retirement party honoring Mary will be held on Friday, January 31, 2020 from 1-3 PM

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

John McCarver, Chairman

Stacy Hall, Secretary