

Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 12, 2011
Board of Directors
Waller County Appraisal District

The regular meeting of the Waller County Appraisal District Board of Directors was held in the board room of the Waller County Appraisal District at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 with the following members present: Mr. Royce Rape, Mr. Joe Garcia, Mrs. Ann Davis and Mr. Stan Forde

Members absent: Mr. Tom Paben and Mrs. Ellen Shelburne

Also present: Chris Barzilla, Chief Appraiser
Doyleen Fairchild, Director of Appraisal
Elaine Gross, Bookkeeper
Becky Gurrola, Recording Secretary

Chief Appraiser, Chris Barzilla, certified the provisions of section 551.001 Texas Government Code had been complied with in connection with the public notice of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Royce Rape at 8:30 a.m.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN A motion was made and seconded to appoint Mr. Royce Rape as chairman of the Board of Directors.

MOTION: Mr. Joe Garcia
SECOND: Mrs. Ann Davis
VOTE: Unanimous

ELECTION OF SECRETARY A motion was made and seconded to appoint Mrs. Ann Davis as secretary of the Board of Directors.

MOTION: Mr. Royce Rape
SECOND: Mr. Joe Garcia
VOTE: Unanimous

MINUTES A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2010.

MOTION: Mr. Joe Garcia
SECOND: Mrs. Ann Davis
VOTE: Unanimous

APPRAISAL REVIEW
BOARD APPT.

A motion was made and seconded to appoint Mr. Milton Whiting to the Appraisal Review Board beginning January 1, 2011.

MOTION: Mr. Joe Garcia
SECOND: Mr. Royce Rape
VOTE: Unanimous

APPOINTMENT OF
CHAIRMAN AND
SECRETARY TO ARB

Chris Barzilla stated that the current chairman is Mr. Jim Sette and secretary is Mrs. Jo VanWinkle.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Jim Sette as chairman and Mrs. Jo VanWinkle as secretary.

MOTION: Mr. Royce Rape
SECOND: Mr. Stan Forde
VOTE: Unanimous

APPOINTMENT TO
AG ADVISORY BOARD

Chris mentioned that the appointment to the Ag Advisory board is a non-paid position. The board only meets two to three times a year. This board reviews ag values each year. Chris also stated that Mr. Tommy Paben who currently serves on the FSA (Farm Service Agency) would be willing to serve on the district's ag board replacing Mr. Lloyd Minze.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Tommy Paben to the Waller County Ag Advisory board.

MOTION: Mr. Joe Garcia
SECOND: Mr. Stan Forde
VOTE: Unanimous

INVESTMENT POLICY Chris Barzilla mentioned that approval of the investment policy is an annual requirement. Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code states that the governing body shall review its investment policy annually. A resolution should be passed each year either adopting or make any changes. Chris also mentioned that the district keeps the majority of the district’s money in TexPool which currently has 1.5% interest.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Investment Policy and made no changes.

MOTION: Mrs. Ann Davis
SECOND: Mr. Royce Rape
VOTE: Unanimous

APPRAISAL UPDATE Chris Barzilla explained that the district’s computers are currently locked up during the conversion process. The appraisers will be out in the field the next thirteen (13) days before training on the new system begins. The district has forgone sending out a mass mailing on agricultural forms and homestead exemptions this year and will resume the process in 2012.

LITIGATION UPDATE Chris Barzilla acknowledged that the district has not received any more 2010 lawsuits and Greenbusch is the only case remaining in the overlap district. Chris went on to say that the district had an agricultural exemption lawsuit for 2010 that the district will most likely pursue. The district has pictures to show that there is no fence on the west side of the property. The property owner also states that the market value is \$125,000 but is currently listed for sale at \$289,000. The appraisal district has the 2010 market value at \$267,540.

APPRAISAL STANDARDS REVIEW AUDIT (MAPS) Chris Barzilla reported to the board that Mr. Gary Nunez, from the Comptroller’s office has contacted the district and that all the information previously requested was provided in a timely manner. Mr. Nunez will be in the office on January 14th to meet with Mr. Royce Rape. Chris Barzilla went on to say the he and Becky Gurrola went to a chapter meeting and heard some horror stories on how hard the

Comptroller's office was being on appraisal districts. Chris Barzilla felt like the appraisal district is way ahead of other appraisal districts but there were a couple of areas that the district might have to improve in.

Mr. Rape asked if there was any further business.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman, Board of Directors

Date:

Secretary, Board of Directors