

MINUTES

GALVESTON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors December 08th, 2021

The regular meeting of the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors was held Wednesday, December 08th, 2021 at 9850 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway, Suite A, Texas City, Texas.

Members present: Donald Gartman
Bruce Clawson
Thomas Farmer
Chad Tressler
Scott Brast
Cheryl Johnson; Ex Officio Member

Others present: Chief Appraiser Tommy Watson, Director of Finance & Administration Bertha Curry, Executive Assistant Lauren Frame, Staff Attorney Nick Perez, Staff Paralegal Deja Harrell, Taxpayer Liaison Officer Norman Franzke and Appraisal Review Board Acting Chairman Walter Syers

1. OPEN SESSION

With a quorum present, Chairman, Donald Gartman called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. He stated that the meeting had been duly called and the public meeting notice was properly posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code; Chapter 551. He asked the attendees to join in the Pledge to the Flag of the United States, followed by the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

2. Welcome Guests and Comments from the Public.

There were no comments at this time.

3. Review and Consider Approval of the Minutes from the November 17th, 2021 Regular Board meeting.

There were no questions or comments at this time.

Mr. Farmer **MOVED** to accept and approve the minutes as is. Mr. Tressler **SECONDED** the motion. The Motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

4. Review and Consider Approval of the Minutes from the November 22nd, 2021 Special Board meeting.

There were no questions or comments at this time.

Mr. Tressler **MOVED** to accept and approve the minutes as is. Mr. Clawson **SECONDED** the motion. The Motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

5. Review and Consider Approval of the Financial Report for the period ending November 30th, 2021.

There were no questions or comments at this time.

Mr. Brast **MOVED** to accept the Financial Report for the period ending November 30th, 2021. Mr. Clawson **SECONDED** the motion. The Motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

6. Review and Consider Report of the Taxpayer Liaison Officer for the month of November 2021.

Mr. Franzke stated it was a light month, everybody is out in the field so the taxpayer complaints are very light and asked if the board had any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments at this time.

7. Review and Consider Report of the Appraisal Review Board for the month of November 2021.

Mr. Syers stated the ARB met and approved a Supplemental roll and heard 196 formal protests on November 15, 2021. Mr. Ellis attended that meeting and thanked the CAD and ARB members for their support and hard work. Chairman Gartman asked that Mr. Ellis attend our January meeting so that we can thank him for serving on the ARB for 6 years.

8. Review and Consider the Appraisal Staff Report for the month of November 2021.

Mr. Watson stated Krystal left early to go to doctor due to medical issues and that all the appraisers are catching up on permits in the field.

9. Review and Consider the Staff Attorney Pending Litigation Report for the month of October 2021.

Mr. Perez stated there are 2 new cases that were filed so far, 50 settlements that have been reached and are awaiting finalization. Due to the holiday last month, we estimate a total of \$31,500 in legal fees were saved. As for the arbitrations; there are a total of 357 arbitrations that have been filed, 42 are currently being negotiated and 71 have been settled at this time. We are currently waiting on the Comptroller's acceptance on 169 open arbitrations. Mrs. Johnson asked what is the deadline to submit an arbitration and Mr. Perez stated the property owner/agent has 60 days from when the notice of determination was received and the last board hearing we had on November 15, will put us into January but most of those were due to 25:25 filings or the failure to receive a notice. Mrs. Johnson asked if the arbitrations are agents or property owners, Mr. Perez stated it is almost all agents. Chairman Gartman stated he wants to bring notice to the notifications from the Judges, most of them are 8-10 days.

10. Review and Consider Adopting Resolution 4-2021 to Approve the Board Agenda Policy.

Mr. Watson stated this is a policy as far as bringing things to the agenda, we have done what all the other entities are currently doing, where either the Chairman can add an item to the agenda or at least 2 board members can add an item.

Mr. Farmer **MOVED** to Adopt Resolution 4-2021 to Approve the Board Agenda Policy. Mr. Tressler **SECONDED** the Motion. The Motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

11. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:13 PM, Chairman Gartman announced the board's adjournment into closed executive session called in accordance with Chapter 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

◆ Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters

12. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

At 4:45 PM, the members of the board reconvened in open session and the Chairman moved onto the next agenda item.

13. Chief Appraisers Report.

Mr. Watson stated he had a deposition with Greer Herz and Adams on the Marathon Refinery, they are redesignating some people to testify in court. We have Judge Ellisor coming on December 27th to interview the ARB candidates and we have a lot of good ones in the mix. Mr. Watson ended by saying the CAD will miss Bruce.

14. Comments from the Board of Directors.

Mr. Clawson stated he has enjoyed being on the board and has learned a lot over the last 4 years. However, he does want to make it known that he intends to be very vocal and outspoken as soon as he steps down from the board. Mr. Farmer stated that he appreciates Mr. Clawson and thanked him for tutoring him along the way and for his friendship. Mr. Brast stated Mr. Clawson will be missed and wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Mr. Tressler stated he hopes Mr. Clawson will pass along his humor to whomever takes his

seat on the board and that he will be missed. Mrs. Johnson stated it's been wonderful serving with Mr. Clawson and thanked the board for giving her a vote for the first time in 22 years, and that she appreciates it and definitely feels like a part of the board now.

15. Correspondence.

None at this time.

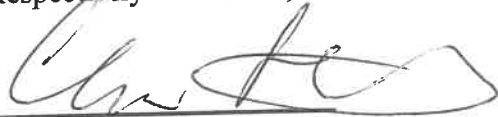
16. Set Date of Next Regular Meeting.

Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 at 4:00PM.

17. Adjournment

The regular business meeting of the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors was adjourned Wednesday, December 08th, 2021 at 4:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



~~Bruce Clawson~~

Secretary

CHAD TRESSLER

Approved:



Donald Gartman
Chairman