

MINUTES

GALVESTON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors June 08th, 2022

The regular meeting of the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors was held Wednesday, June 08th, 2022 at 9850 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway, Suite A, Texas City, Texas.

Members present: Donald Gartman
Tom Farmer
Chad Tressler
Matt Doyle

Members absent: Scott Brast
Cheryl Johnson

Others present: Chief Appraiser Tommy Watson, Deputy Chief Appraiser Krystal McKinney, Director of Finance & Administration Bertha Curry, Assistant Director of Finance & Administration Michelle Gilliland, Executive Assistant Lauren Frame-Finney, In house Staff Attorney Nick Perez, In house Paralegal Deja Harrell, Appraisal Review Board Chairman Walter Syers, Taxpayer Liaison Officer Norman Franzke and Michael Adams.

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 May 11th, 2022 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board.

Mr. Farmer **MOVED** to accept and approve the May 11th, 2022 minutes as is. Mr. Tressler **SECONDED** the motion. The Motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

4. Review and Consider Approval of the Financial Report for the periods ending May 31st, 2022.

The Chairman asked Ms. Curry if she had anything to add and Ms. Curry stated no.

Mr. Tressler **MOVED** to accept and approve the May 31st, 2022 Financial Report as is. Mr. Tressler **SECONDED** the motion. The Motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

5. Review and Consider Report of the Taxpayer Liaison Officer for the month of May 2022.

Mr. Franzke stated all the issues he received have been solved other than one outstanding issue that is being looked into. Mr. Farmer stated having read through the report he believes Mr. Franzke is doing a great job and thanked him.

6. Review and Consider the Appraisal Review Board for the month of May 2022.

Mr. Syers stated the month of May has been an active month for the ARB. All the new members were welcomed and sworn in, the ARB adopted new hearing procedures and policies, the review committee granted 12 late protests and heard a total of 283 formal protests during the month of May. Mr. Tressler asked if having the greater number of alternates is maintaining things and Mr. Syers stated that having

the extra alternates works out really well and makes it a lot easier for members to take vacation or go to the doctors with out the review board being short staffed.

7. Review and Consider the Appraisal Staff Report for the month of May 2022.

Mrs. McKinney stated so far 54,000 + protests have been received, 8,300 have been settled and/or closed and we are still looking on track to be complete by July 20th and hopefully even a little earlier than that.

8. Review and Consider the Staff Attorney Pending Litigation for the month of May 2022.

Mr. Perez stated the district is moving through the lawsuits from 2020 and 2021 and a second lawsuit was filed for 2022 today. Saved just over \$50,000 during the month of May and have just a few more than 100 lawsuits that are remaining for the 2020-2021 tax years. A total of 340 Arbitrations have been filed for 2021 tax year and we only have 2 remaining and they are awaiting an arbitrator assignment. Mr. Adams stated that Greer Herz settled 4 years' worth of value with Blanchard during the last month in a mediation in Austin and in doing so avoided any litigation for 2022.

9. Chief Appraisers Report

Mr. Watson stated he does not have a whole lot to discuss but that he did want to introduce Ms. Michelle Gilliland; she is going to be Ms. Curry's assistant and someday will take over Ms. Curry's chair. Ms. Gilliland introduced herself then stated she graduated from La Marque high school in 1990 and started working for JP Morgan Chase as a back-office operations financial analyst for 13 years managing a \$50 Million dollar budget, she then changed careers and became a teacher where she earned a doctorate in education leadership while teaching for the past 14 years before changing careers again to come back to finance and assist Ms. Curry. Mr. Watson stated last year we discussed and set the reserves policy at 6 months and he wants to discuss this at the next meeting and change it to 4 months and thanked everything that everyone has done to support him during the last few weeks and that he really appreciates it.

10. Comments from the Board of Directors

The board had no further comments.

11. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

12. Set Date of Next Regular Meeting.

Wednesday: July 13th, 2022 at 4:00PM.

13. Adjournment

The regular business meeting of the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors was adjourned Wednesday, June 08th, 2022 at 4:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chad Tressler
Secretary

Approved:



Donald Gartman
Chairman