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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors – September 13, 2021

Judge Chuck Burns, Chairman of the Board Called the meeting to order and 11:28 AM. Mr. Felix Serna, Board Secretary, Mrs. Sarita Hixon, Vice President of the Board, Mrs. Cindy Gonzales and Mrs. Irma Longoria were present. Former Judge L. E. Turcotte III was absent. Mr. Thomas Denney, Chief Appraiser was also present representing the Appraisal District.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Mr. Denney presented the Minutes for the August 9, 2021 Board of Director's meeting for approval. Mrs. Sarita Hixon moved approval and was seconded by Mrs. Cindy Gonzales. Approved unanimously.

Received 2020 audit report from John Womack and company. There were no irregularities. Accepted and Approved the 2020 District audit report. Mrs. Sarita Hixon moved approval and was seconded by Mrs. Cindy Gonzales. Approved unanimously.

Received proposed contract for Appraisal services from Mrs. Peggy Wardlaw of Wardlaw Appraisal and Consulting LLC. Contract is for appraisal of all mineral and personal property in Kenedy County. It is also to provide consulting services for assistance with the Comptroller's MAP review of the Appraisal Districts operations. Mrs. Sarita Hixon moved approval and was seconded by Mrs. Cindy Gonzales. Approved unanimously.

Authorize Mr. Denney to attend the Texas Public Funds Investment conference the 4th and 5th of November in Houston Texas at a cost not to exceed \$1,050. Moved by Mrs. Sarita Hixon and was seconded by Mrs. Cindy Gonzales. Approved unanimously.

Authorize Mr. Denney to attend the Texas Rural Chief Appraiser conference October 24th thru October 26th at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00. Mrs. Sarita Hixon moved approval with the second by Mrs. Cindy Gonzales. Approved unanimously.

Request approval of Interlocal agreement with Kenedy County to provide medical and dental insurance to the employees of the Kenedy County Central Appraisal District. Mrs. Sarita Hixon moved to approve and the second was by Mr. Felix Serna. Approved unanimously.

Mr. Denney and Mrs. Peggy Wardlaw proposed the District's annual Christmas luncheon at King's Inn be reinstated. Also, that Board of Director's meeting be moved from Monday the 13th to Friday the 10th at 10:30 AM. Mrs. Sarita Hixon moved to approve with the second by Mrs. Cindy Gonzales. Approved unanimously.

Request Authorization to pay current Bills. Moved by Mrs. Sarita Hixon and was seconded by Mr. Felix Serna. Approved unanimously.

It was noted that after all payments the estimated checking account balance will be \$122,019.35 on September 30, 2021.

Chief Appraiser's Report:

1. Nominations for 2022-2023 Board of Directors election are required to be submitted by the taxing entities to the Appraisal District by October 15, 2021. The Chief Appraiser will advise each Taxing entity entitled to vote of the number of votes allocated to it prior to October 1, 2021.
2. Exemption issues open and unresolved.
3. Notified the Board that the District has been sued by the King Ranch on all Agricultural value accounts.
4. Notified Board that I have hired Anita Y. Garza as my new administrative Assistant. She will start September 27, 2021. She has 14 years' experience with the Kleberg County Appraisal District and is an RPA.
5. Budget amendment for Health Insurance and staff compensation for 2021 from \$365,000 to \$ 374,225 and for 2022 from \$ 397,938 to \$ 412,738 has been submitted to taxing entities as of August 25th. Formal approval by BOD cannot be made until September 24th, 30 days after notification.
6. Bank contract is up December 31, 2021. We can opt to extend for two years or solicit new bids.
7. Chief Appraiser on Vacation September 14th thru 21st.

Closed (Executive) Session

- a. At any time during the regular meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board may retire into Closed Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 to discuss Personnel matters; to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.
- b. The Board may consider and act upon any item discussed in Closed Session.

There was no need for a closed Session.

Mrs. Sarita Hixon made a motion to Adjourn at 11:53. Mrs. Cindy Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approved by the Board on October 4, 2021

