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## **Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors – September 14, 2020**

Judge Louis E. Turcotte III, Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 12:20 PM. Judge Louis E. Turcotte III, Mr. Chuck Burns, Vice –President, Mrs. Sarita Hixon, Mrs. Cindy Gonzales and Ms. Sandra Garcia Burns were present in the District's Board room at 365 La Parra Ave. Mr. Felix Serna, Board secretary, called in and joined the meeting telephonically as permitted under the Governor's Covid-19 edict. Mr. Thomas Denney, The Chief Appraiser was also present representing the Appraisal District. Also, in attendance were Ms. Margaret Kelly and Mr. Louie Longoria of John Womack and Company, P.C. The District's auditors.

The first order of business was the public hearing on the 2021/2022 Reappraisal. The hearing was opened at 12:23 PM. Mr. Denney stated that the only material change was that the entire county would be reappraised each year. There was no comment on this change from anyone on the BOD and no members of the public were present. The public hearing was closed at 12:25 PM.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Mr. Denney presented the minutes for the August 10, 2020 Board of Director's meeting for approval. Mrs. Cindy Gonzales moved approval and the second was by Mrs. Sarita Hixon. Approved unanimously.

Mr. Denney next requested approval of the 2021/2022 Reappraisal Plan. Mr. Chuck Burns moved approval and the second was by Mrs. Cindy Gonzales. Approved unanimously.

Ms. Margaret Kelly presented the highlights of the 2019 audit report. The year end overall surplus was \$ 15,241 bringing the total encumbered balance going forward to \$ 65,068. There were no exceptions noted. Mr. Chuck Burns moved acceptance of the audit report and Mrs. Sarita Hixon seconded. Approved unanimously.

Mr. Denney next advised the Board that the Kenedy County Common-Wide School District failed to pass the Comptroller's 2019 PVS study. This was contrary to what had been reported last winter based on a verbal conversation with someone at the Comptroller's office. Mr. Denney explained it is the result of the Comptrollers office's refusal to accept a non-hunting Agricultural rate for land that is deed – restricted prohibiting the hunting of native game. Mr. Denney inherited this classification system when he took the job in the fall of 2010 and accepted its validity as the school was able to pass until 2019. Mr. Denney feels very strongly that it is immoral to force the non-profits to pay tax on income they are prohibited from earning. This situation is being investigated and if a reclassification to allow the school to pass is not possible then the non-hunting rate will have to be changed so that the school district passes. Mr. Denney stated that if the school district were to fail three years in a row they would be financially

penalized by the state. The Appraisal District will investigate just how the financial penalties apply to a chapter 41 school District. This was a notification and no action required.

Mr. Denney next requested he be allowed to attend virtually the Rural Chief Appraiser's conference the at the end of October at a cost not to exceed \$ 500.00. Mrs. Sarita Hixon moved approval with the second by Mr. Chuck Burns. Approved unanimously.

Next Mr. Denney requested approval to pay the September bills. Mr. Chuck Burns made the motion to approve with the second was by Mrs. Cindy Gonzales. Approved unanimously.

It was noted that after all payments the estimated checking account balance will be \$ \$ 96,988.41 on September 30, 2020.

**Chief Appraiser's Report:**

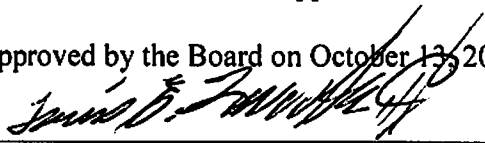
Mr. Denney reported he would be on vacation November 30<sup>th</sup> thru December 4<sup>th</sup> and off for a medical appointment the 7<sup>th</sup> of December.

Mr. Denney next advised that the Appraisal District Christmas party scheduled for December 11, 2020 was in a wait and see mode depending on Covid-19 situation closer to then.

There was no need for a closed session.

Mrs. Sarita Hixon made the motion to adjourn at 12:52 PM and Mr. Chuck Burns seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approved by the Board on October 13, 2020.

  
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