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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors – March 9, 2026

Judge Charles Burns, Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. Mrs. Sarita Hixon, Mr. Felix Serna, Mr. Joe Recio, and Mr. William Dieterle were in attendance and Mrs. Irma Longoria, Tax Assessor / Collector was absent. Mr. Thomas Denney, Chief Appraiser, and Ms. Anita Garza Deputy Chief Appraiser represented the Appraisal District. Mrs. Peggy Wardlaw was also in attendance.

Public Comment: None

Mr. Denney presented the February 9, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes for approval. Mrs. Hixon motioned approval. Mr. Recio seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The oath of office and Statement of officer Oath's were administered to Mr. Serna and Mr. Dieterle for the 2026 and 2027 Board years.

Mrs. Peggy Wardlaw of Wardlaw and Associates gave a preliminary overview of the 2026 tax year mineral and utility and personal property appraisal's to be performed.

Mr. Denney presented the proposed 2026-through 2029 Wardlaw contract for consideration and approval. It also provides for a two-year extension at the Appraisal District's option. Mr. Serna made the motion to execute the contract with the second by Mr. Joe Recio. Approved unanimously.

Mr. Denney requested Authorization to pay the March bills and reviewed the financials. Mrs. Sarita Hixon moved approval with the second by Mr. Felix Serna. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into executive session at 11:30 Am to conduct Mr. Denney's annual evaluation. The Board reconvened the meeting at 11:38 AM and reported that Mr. Denney evaluation was superb and commended him for his selection of Ms. Anita Garza as the Districts deputy. They further commended her for her excellent performance.

Monthly Financial report as follows:

Current estimated checking account balance as of March 31, 2026 is \$ 17,688.63.

Kleberg bank has one-year CD totaling \$114,389.00 maturing February 3, 2027.

Texas Class has on deposit \$ 372,595.70 as of 3/09/2026.

Texas class transferred to Kleberg Bank \$40,000.00 on 3/09/2026.

Chief Appraiser's Report:

1. Mr. Denney reported the 15th court of appeals heard the Kenedy County-Common Wide School District's appeal of the 2021 lawsuit verdict on February 11, 2026. No decision on this case has been released to the public as of this time.
2. Mr. Denney reported that the TAAD conference went well and that he has been sworn in for another two-year term as the TAAD region 2 trustee. That there are numerous bills pending for the 2027 legislature that may affect Appraisal Districts and property taxes in general.

Mrs. Hixon made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 AM. Mr. Recio seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved by the Board on April 13, 2026


