

LA SALLE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes Monday, February 9, 2015

Presiding:

Chairperson Deonicio Ramirez, Jr.

Present:

Brenda Talbert

Mike Whitwell

Elizabeth Martinez

Dora Gonzales

In Attendance: Annie Garcia

Joe Zepeda

Kevin McBurnett

Dr. Jack Seals

Bo Blackmon

Everardo Balboa

Judge Joel Rodriguez, Jr.

Manuel Escamilla

Jennifer Lopez

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER. (Presenter: Deonicio Ramirez, Jr.)

Chairperson Ramirez calls the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

DETERMINATION THAT A QUORUM IS PRESENT. (Presenter: П. Deonicio Ramirez, Jr.)

Chairperson Ramirez recognized that a quorum was present. Dora Gonzales enters the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Ш Election of Officers for 2015.

> Mike Whitwell made a motion to re-nominate Deonicio Ramirez, Jr. as Chairman. Brenda Talbert seconded the motion and when voted on, the motion passed unanimously.

Brenda Talbert made a motion to re-nominate Mike Whitwell as Vice-Chairman. Elizabeth Martinez seconded the motion and when voted on, the motion passed unanimously.

Mike Whitwell made a motion to re-nominate Elizabeth Martinez as Secretary. Brenda Talbert seconded the motion and when voted on, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of Check signers for 2015.

Mike Whitwell made a motion to remove Deonicio Ramirez, Jr., Mike Whitwell, Elizabeth Martinez, Dora Gonzales, Brenda Talbert, and William A. Maltsberger as check signers' for 2014. Brenda Talbert seconded the motion and when voted on, the motion passed unanimously. Elizabeth Martinez made a motion to approve Deonicio Ramirez, Jr., Mike Whitwell, Elizabeth Martinez, Dora Gonzales, and Brenda Talbert for check signers' for 2015. Brenda Talbert seconded the motion and when voted on, the motion passed unanimously.

V. Discussion, Consideration, and Action to elect Director nominated to fill vacancies on the La Salle County Appraisal District Board.

Chief Garcia presents to the Board a draft letter on notifying the Entities, the process of filling the vacancy of the La Salle County Appraisal District Board of Director.

Brenda Talbert made a motion to approve Chief Appraiser Garcia to send to the Entities the letter to notify them of the vacancy. Mike Whitwell seconded the motion and when voted on, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS.

Superintendent Jack Seals states to the Board his concerns on combining salaries and hiring an experienced employee for the mapping/deed position.

VII. Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action from S & B Infrastructure, LTD pertaining to Mapping/Deed.

Bo Blackmon and Everardo Balboa with S & B Infrastructure, LTD, updated the Board that phase 1 of the TRZ and CETRZ zones were completed. Mr. Blackmon stated that the County was in the process of working with phase 2 at a cost of 4/4.5 million for the next phase. Bo Blackmon informs the Board the process of phase 2 and that the documentation would be updated daily. Judge Joel Rodriguez, Jr. updated the Board on phase 1 and phase 2. Bo Blackmon also stated that SB & I had experienced engineers and qualified employees to help with phase 2. Mr. Blackmon also commented that this would help identify parcels that were not mapped out and that S B & I would work with the Appraisal District to get the District up to date.

Mike Whitwell stated in order to make the project move forward-Mr. Whitwell made a motion that the Appraisal District Board of Directors would not have a problem with the County/Entities to moving forward with this project, if they chose too. Brenda Talbert seconded the motion and when voted on, the motion passed.

VIII. Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action on hiring extra personnel for Mapping/Deed.

Agenda Item discussed in agenda item VII.

IX. Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action on software vendors bids.

*Copy of Bids Attached. (Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. and Tyler Technologies)

Kevin McBurnett with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. was present for any questions from the Board pertaining to the bid submitted by P & A. Elizabeth Martinez made a motion to approve the bid with Pritchard and Abbott, Inc. for \$36,650.00 for two years and \$20,000.00 (one-time cost). Brenda Talbert seconded the motion and when voted on, the motion passed unanimously.

X. Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action to appoint and/or reappoint the new Appraisal Review Board Member.

Mike Whitwell stated that he had spoken with Paul Brown and he would be interested in becoming an Appraisal Review Board Member. Mike Whitwell made a motion to appoint Paul Brown as an ARB member. Brenda Talbert seconded the motion and when voted on, the motion passed unanimously.

XI. Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action to appoint Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary for the Appraisal Review Board of Directors.

Mike Whitwell made a motion to leave Chairman Jose Adams, Vice-Chairman Nora Rodriguez, and Secretary Joe Garcia, Jr. (2014 ARB) for 2015. Brenda Talbert seconded the motion and when voted on, the motion passed unanimously.

XII. Update on roof repairs for the Welhausen School.

Chief Appraiser Garcia informed the Board of Directors that the County had approved for Classic Roofing & Construction (\$29,440) to repair the Welhausen auditorium roof.

No Action Taken.

XIII. Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action to approve Air Vac Insurance.

*Copy Attached
Air Vac Insurance was presented to the Board.
Elizabeth Martinez made a motion to approve Air Vac Insurance for
\$55.00 (1year) per employee. Brenda Talbert seconded the motion and when voted on, the motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action to opening the Appraisal District during lunch hours (12-1).

The Chief Appraiser stated that she monitored calls during lunch (occasionally), to see how many property owners would call during

lunch, when the office was closed for lunch. Deonicio Ramirez and Brenda Talbert stated their concerns about being open for property owners during the lunch hour.

No Action Taken.

XV. Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action whether to enter into a contract with an Energy company concerning the Electricity in Welhausen.

Chief Appraiser Garcia and Deputy Appraiser Joe Zepeda informed the Board about entering into a contract with an Energy Company concerning the electricity in Welhausen.

Superintendent Seals stated that he would look into the situation and see what would be more economical for the District.

XVI. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ARE SUBJECT DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Approve the minutes December 16, 2014. (Presenter: Annie Garcia)

Chief Garcia presented the December 16, 2014 minutes to the Board. Mike Whitwell made a motion to approve the minutes. Brenda Talbert seconded the motion and when voted on, the motion passed.

B. Financial Reports and List of Paid Accounts. (Presenter: Annie Garcia)

The financial reports and list of paid accounts were presented to the Board. Brenda Talbert made a motion to approve the financial reports and list of paid accounts. Elizabeth Martinez seconded the motion and when voted on, the motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of 2015 Holiday Calendar for the Appraisal District.

*Copy Attached.

Chief Garcia presented the 2015 Holiday Calendar to the Board. Mike Whitwell made a motion to approve the 2015 Holiday Calendar as presented. Brenda Talbert seconded the motion and when voted on, the motion passed unanimously.

D. Approve Mileage reimbursement from .56 to .57.5 cents per mile state by the IRS mileage.

*Copy Attached.

Chief Garcia presented to the Board a copy of the mileage reimbursement by the IRS.

Elizabeth Martinez made a motion to approve the mileage reimbursement from .56 to .57.5. Brenda Talbert seconded the motion and when voted on, the motion passed unanimously.

E. Approve 2014 line item adjustments.

Chief Garcia presented the 2014 line item adjustments to the Board. No Action Taken.

F. Old Business.

No Old Business at this time.

- 1. Committees Report.
 - a. Executive Committee-Deonicio Ramirez, Jr. and Mike Whitwell.
 - b. Fiscal Committee-Elizabeth Martinez and William A. Maltsberger.
 (Budget, Accounting, Banking, and Assets of Statements)
 - c. Legal Affairs Committee-Elizabeth Martinez and Dora Gonzales.

 (Contracts, Litigation, and Compliance)
 - d. Oversight Committee-Mike Whitwell, William A. Maltsberger and Deonicio Ramirez, Jr.
 (Watchful care & Supervision of the CAD)
 - e. Building Committee-Elizabeth Martinez, Dora Gonzales and Brenda Talbert.

No Committee's Report at this time.

G. New Business

No new business at this time.

- H. Chief Appraiser's Report. (Presenter: Annie Garcia)
 - 1. Appraisal Update.
 - 2. Mapping/GIS Update.
 - 3. Deed Update.
 - 4. Methods and Assistance Program Report.

Chief Appraiser Garcia updates the Board on deeds. Chief Garcia informs the Board on the Methods and Assistance Report from the State and updates them on the discrepancies (Appraisal District is working on changing the land from flat value to square footages).

*Copy of deed work and copy of maps-showing areas that the District has changed land from flat value to square footages attached.

- XVII. Convene Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Open Meeting Act, Section 551.074 Personnel matter for the following purpose(s):
 - 1. To deliberate the evaluation, duties, and/or salary of the Chief Appraiser.

XVIII. Recess Executive Session and return to Open Session.

No Executive Session at this time.

XXII. Open Session.

No Closed Session at this time.

XXIII. ADJOURN.

Brenda Talbert made a motion to adjourn at 6:08 p.m. Elizabeth Martinez seconds the motion and when voted on, the motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourn.

Chairperson

Secretary