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**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**May 28, 2020**

**A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The La Salle County Appraisal District Board of Directors convened for a regularly called meeting on District's business on Thursday, May 28, 2020, via telephone/video conference.

**Chairman Deonicio Ramirez, Jr. called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.** Mr. Deonicio Ramirez, Jr., Chairman, called roll. Members present were Elizabeth Martinez, Dora A. Gonzales, Deonicio Ramirez, Jr., Alfredo Zamora, Jr., and Rene R. Barrientos. Board Member absents Scott Reese. **A quorum was established.**

**Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deonicio Ramirez, Jr., Chairman.**

**Motion to excuse Scott Reese, Board Member** by Ms. Elizabeth Martinez, Chairwoman; Second by Mr. Deonicio Ramirez, Jr., Chairman. **Motion carried with unanimous consent.**

Martin Villarreal, Chief Appraiser, proceeded to recognize staff present. They were Daniel Esquivel, Appraisal/Real Property Operations Coordinator, Roxanne Frausto, ARB Clerk Robert J. Peregoy, Deputy Chief Appraiser, Norma Maldonado, Business/Finance Manager, and Irma Ramirez, Administrative Assistant. Also present was Juan J. Garza, from Canales, Garza & Baum, PLLC.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Deonicio Ramirez, Jr., Chairman, called for public comments, to which there were none.

**C. PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS**

**ITEM #1 Communications.** Mr. Martin Villarreal, Chief Appraiser, began his presentation by advising the Board that the financial reports through April 30, 2020, were being provided for informational purposes only and would be brought back at the next Board meeting for formal approval.

Mr. Villarreal then proceeded to the Chief Appraiser Report. He began by stating the Greg Abbot, Governor of Texas, declared a statewide emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then the District has taken action to mitigate its operation such as conducting board meetings via GoToMeeting for the Board of Directors and Appraisal Review Board members, teleworking from home, and taking the necessary measures to preserve the health and safety of District's Board Members, staff and property owner's.

Mr. Villarreal then handed the floor to Mr. Robert J. Peregoy, Deputy Chief Appraiser, who provided the Board with an updated summary of the District's 2020 Appraisal Activities. Mr. Peregoy began with a brief overview of the four (4) primary concerns the District staff has been working diligently to address. They included the inspection of all improvement within the county, a review of exempt properties, evaluation, and inspection of agricultural application and properties. Mr. Peregoy further stated that the District had identified several double assessments, omitted acreage, and property issues that are being reviewed and corrected by District staff. Mr. Peregoy then provided a 2019-2020 value comparison of the various categories of properties for the Board's review. After a brief discussion, he concluded by calling for questions, to which there were none.

Mr. Villarreal then continued by providing the Board with information and a quick summary of the 2020 Estimated Totals for each of the taxing entities in La Salle County. He advised the Board that the information has been provided to each of the taxing entities in accordance with Section 26.01 of the Texas Property Tax Code. He continued his report by giving a brief overview of the meetings and presentations that the District conducted. In addition, he provided the Board with a summary of the calls and walk-ins report, and various advertisements the District has published. Mr. Villarreal concluded his presentation by calling for questions, to which there were none

#### **D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**ITEM #1 Approval of the Minutes for March 17 Board Meeting.** Motion to approve by Mr. Rene Barrientos, Vice-Chairman; second by Ms. Elizabeth Martinez, Board Secretary. **Motion carried with unanimous consent.**

**ITEM #2 Approval of the District's Year 2019 Financial Reports through December 31, 2019.** Motion to approve by Mr. Rene Barrientos, Vice-Chairman; second by Ms. Elizabeth Martinez, Board Secretary. **Motion carried with unanimous consent.**

**ITEM #3 Approval of the District's Year 2020 Financial Reports through January 31, 2020.** Motion to approve by Ms. Elizabeth Martinez, Board Secretary; second by Mr. Rene Barrientos, Vice-Chairman. **Motion carried with unanimous consent.**

**ITEM #4 Approval and Presentation of the Financial Audit for Year Ending 2018 by Canales, Garza & Baum, PLLC.** Mr. Juan J. Garza of Canales, Garza & Baum PLLC, provided the Board with a presentation regarding the District's financial audit for Year End 2018. After a brief discussion, Mr. Garza concluded his presentation. Motion to approve by Ms. Elizabeth Martinez, Board Secretary; second by Mr. Rene Barrientos, Vice-Chairman. **Motion carried with unanimous consent.**

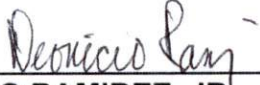
#### **E. OTHER BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT**

**ITEM #1 Next Board Meeting Date:** It was established that the Board would schedule their next meeting for Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 1:30 p.m..

**ITEM #2 Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Ms. Elizabeth Martinez, Board Secretary; second by Mr. Rene Barrientos, Vice-Chairman. **Motion carried with unanimous consent.**

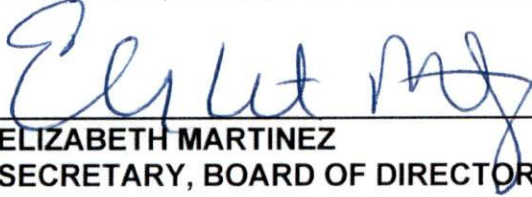
ADJOURN TIME: 2:39 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2020



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DEONICIO RAMIREZ, JR  
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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ELIZABETH MARTINEZ  
SECRETARY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS