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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 7, 2022

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, July 7, 2022, at the La Salle County Appraisal District's Board Room located at 204 Northeast Lane St. Cotulla, Texas 78014.

Board Chairman Rene R. Barrientos. called the meeting to order at 1:28 p.m.

Mr. Rene R. Barrientos, Chairman, called roll. Members present were Rene R. Barrientos, Elizabeth Martinez, Dora A. Gonzales, Deonicio Ramirez, Jr. and Alfredo Zamora, Jr. Board Member absent was Scott Reese. **A quorum was established.**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Chairman Rene R. Barrientos.

Bobby Peregoy, Chief Appraiser, proceeded to recognize Appraisal District staff present. They were Thomas Gonzalez, Interim Appraisal/Real Property Operations Coordinator, Roxanne Frausto, ARB Clerk, Norma Maldonado, Business/Finance Manager, and Irma Ramirez, Administrative Assistant.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Rene R. Barrientos, Board Chairman, called for public comments. One (1) person signed in for public comments, and subsequently the floor was handed over to him to proceed.

Mr. Jose Lozano, property owner, began by advising the Board of his concerns regarding the District's method of appraising property. He continued by stating that the value of his property had increased under the new District Administration. After a brief discussion, the Board called for questions, to which there were none.

C. PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

ITEM #1 Communications. Mr. Bobby Peregoy, Chief Appraiser, began his presentation by guiding the Board to the financials through May 31, 2022. He stated that the financials were being provided for informational purposes only, and no formal action is needed at this time as these items would be brought back at the next Board meeting for formal approval.

Mr. Peregoy then proceeded with the Chief Appraiser's Report, and provided the Board with information on the upcoming conference. He further extended an invitation to the Board to attend the upcoming Texas Association of Assessing Officers (TAAO) & the Institute of Certified Tax Administrators (ICTA) taking place in Houston, TX on August 28, through August 31, 2022. Mr. Peregoy asked the Board members to contact the District's Administration if they would like to attend the conference, so that the Administration can make the necessary accommodations. He then provided the Board with a copy and overview of the meetings and presentations conducted by the District, and the walk-in's summary report for the Board's review. Mr. Peregoy then moved on to the submission of the 2023-2024 Reappraisal Plan in accordance with the Property Tax Code Section 6.05(i) and Section 25.18 which requires Appraisal Districts to submit a bi-annual written reappraisal plan for approval. He then advised the Board that he would be bringing the 2023-2024 Reappraisal Plan back at the next Board meeting for a public hearing and final adoption by the Board. He further advised the Board that proper notice would be provided to each of the taxing jurisdictions with regard to the public hearing for the proposed 2023-2024 Reappraisal Plan. Mr. Peregoy concluded by calling for questions, to which there were none.

D. DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET WORKSHOP

ITEM #1 Presentation and Discussion on the La Salle County Appraisal District proposed 2023 Budget (1st Budget Workshop) and possible action to establish any additional budget workshops dates and/or public hearing date on the 2023 proposed budget.

a. Discussion and workshop on the proposed 2023 Budget. Mr. Bobby Perego, Chief Appraiser, began his presentation by guiding the Board to the section of the budget that pertained to a schedule of activities outlining the process for adopting the budget. Mr. Perego advised the Board that the District's 2023 budget amounts to a total of \$1,813,130, which represents a 1.09% decrease in comparison to the 2022 budget. He further advised the Board that even though the proposed budget saw a decrease of 1.09%, the final proposed funding allocation contribution for participating government entities went down by 8.72% thereby representing a savings of \$524,575 for the taxing units, and a total proposed funding budget of \$1,288,555. Mr. Perego then guided the Board to the Budget Analysis report, and provided a brief summary of all the adjustments within the proposed budget. He stated that the decrease was attributed to the District's operational areas such as operational expenses, salary adjustments, and cost of employee benefits. After a brief discussion and consideration, he asked if the Board wishes to proceed with sending the Notice of Public Hearing to Taxing Units, Publication of Quarter Page Advertisement and setting a date for the Public Hearing for the Proposed 2023 Budget, to which the Board motioned to proceed. Mr. Perego concluded his presentation by calling for questions, to which there were none.

b. Discussion and possible action to establish any additional budget workshop dates and/or public hearing date on the 2023 proposed budget. It was established that the Board would schedule the Public Hearing for Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

ITEM #1 Approval of the minutes for June 7, 2021 Board Meeting: Motion to approve by Ms. Elizabeth Martinez, Vice-Chairwoman second by Mr. Alfredo Zamora, Jr., Board Member. **Motion carried with unanimous consent.**

ITEM #2 Approval of the District's Year 2022 Financial Reports through April 30, 2022: Motion to approve by Ms. Elizabeth Martinez, Vice-Chairwoman second by Mr. Alfredo Zamora, Jr., Board Member. **Motion carried with unanimous consent.**

ITEM #3 Approval of revisions to the LSCAD Personnel Policy Manual Chapter 23 - Disaster Recovery Plan related to the support parties contact information: Motion to approve by Ms. Elizabeth Martinez, Vice-Chairwoman with the recommended changes made by Mr. Deonicio Ramirez, Jr.; second by Mr. Deonicio Ramirez, Jr., Board Member. **Motion carried with unanimous consent.**

F. OTHER BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT

ITEM #1 Next Board Meeting Date: It was established that the Board would schedule their next meeting for Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. At the next Board meeting the District would schedule the Public Hearing for the 2023 Proposed Budget and the 2023-2024 Proposed Reappraisal Plan.

Mr. Rene Barrientos, Chairman, asked Mr. Bobby Perego, Chief Appraiser, to add an agenda item and presentation about issues raised by Mr. Jose Lozano, property owner. After a brief discussion, he called for questions, to which there were none.

ITEM #2 Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Ms. Elizabeth Martinez, Vice-Chairwoman; second by Mr. Deonicio Ramirez, Jr., Board Member. **Motion carried with unanimous consent.**

ADJOURN TIME: 2:26 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022


RENE R. BARRIENTOS
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS


DORA A. GONZALES
SECRETARY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS