

MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2023

PUBLIC MEETING

OF THE

KLEBERG COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LET IT BE KNOWN THAT on the 28th day of August 2023, A.D. at 11:00 AM the Board of Directors of the Kleberg County Appraisal District met in the board room of the Appraisal District office located at: 502 East Kleberg Avenue, Kingsville, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Morales
Roy Cantu
Brandon Barrera
Brian Coufal
Albert Garcia
Vicky Valadez

APPRAISAL STAFF

Ernestina Flores
Isabel Espinoza
Daniel Cantu

PUBLIC PRESENT

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

I. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

Mr. Morales as Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and declared a quorum.

(CD 1, meter # 1:52)

A. Pledge of Allegiance

1. United States of America
2. Texas Flag

Mr. Morales lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

(CD 1, meter # 2:18)

II. Comments From the Public

There being none.

(CD 1, meter # 2:32)

III. Consideration and Action on:

A. 2024 Budget Workshop

The Board of Directors were handed three different budgets, which were previously emailed to them. A salary study was also handed to them. Ms. Flores and the Board of Directors began by going over the mandated expenses along with other expenses which are currently free but will no longer be free in 2024. She also went over the new charges, such as oblique imagery and how that would be funded. Several other line items were discussed - including mapping (TNRIS), insurance, salaries and the line items that still had the 10% increase that were originally in the June preliminary budget. Also discussed was the possibility of using some of the undesignated funds if need be.

(CD 1, meter # 1:33:40)

Mr. Garcia joined the meeting at the very beginning of discussion of this line item at 11:03 a.m..

B. Approval of Submission of the 2024 Appraisal District Operating Budget to Taxing Entities

Mr. Garcia made a motion to submit the 2024 proposed budget in the amount of \$955,640.00, which will include a 3% salary increase for non-salary employees. No second. Motion failed.

(CD 1, meter # 1:35:34)

Mr. Roy Cantu made a motion for the approval of submission to the taxing entities a proposed budget in the amount of \$955,640.00 which will include a 2% salary increase for all hourly employees. Mr. Garcia second the motion. Motion carried.

In favor: Mr. Cantu, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Coufal
Against: Mr. Barrera, Mr. Morales

(CD 1, meter # 1:37:12)

IV. Proposed Agenda Items

- 2024 budget approval
- Chief Appraiser's evaluation
- financial statements
- value information from the state

(CD 1, meter # 1:39:11)

V. Chief Appraiser's Report

Ms. Flores stated that the appraisers had been having informal meetings with the taxpayers. She went on to say that the goal is for protest hearings to begin in about 15 days and end by the end of the month. Ms. Flores invited the Board of Directors to any of the protest hearings so they could see what transpires in the hearings.

(CD 1, meter # 1:40:04)

VI. Comments From the Public

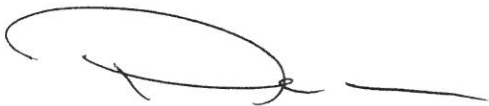
Mr. Morales reminded the other board members that the taxing entities have the right to refuse the budget that will be sent to them.

(CD 1, meter # 1:40:37)

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Cantu made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

(CD 1, meter # 1:40:48)



Daniel Morales, Chairman



Brandon Barrera, Secretary