

**MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2023**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**KLEBERG COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

LET IT BE KNOWN THAT on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023, A.D. at 3:00 PM 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

Billy Colston, III  
Bill Colston, Jr.  
Judy Colston

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 # :27)

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 # 1:33)

II. Comments From the Public

Mr. Billy Colston, III of Rivera Cellular & Telecommunications, Inc. addressed the Board of Directors on an issue his company has with the appraisal district on the removal of a religious exemption and the proration of taxes

that followed on a property that his company purchased. Ms. Flores responded to Mr. Colston's concerns.

(CD 1, meter # 59:06)

### III. Consideration and Action on:

#### A. Approval of Minutes

##### 1. June 8, 2023

Mr. Roy Cantu made a motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2023, as presented. Mr. Barrera second the motion. Motion carried.

(CD 1, meter # 59:59)

In favor: Mr. Cantu, Mr. Barerra, Mr. Morales,  
Mr. Coufal

Abstaining: Mr. Garcia

#### B. Approval of Financial Statements

##### 1. May 2023

Ms. Flores stated that the only out of the ordinary expenses were in the litigation and employee education line items. Ms. Flores asked that the financial statements be approved as presented.

Mr. Barrera made a motion to approve the April 2023 financial statements as presented. Mr. Coufal second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

(CD 1, meter # 1:01:08)

#### C. 2024 Budget Workshop

Ms. Flores stated that she has not made any changes to the preliminary budget that was presented to the Board of Directors at the June meeting. She went on to say that the district is still gathering information, especially on some of the new costs associated with the online requirements that are a result of new statutes passed at the legislative session. Mr. Garcia stated that the city manager had sent him an email requesting that they make a presentation to him at a City of Kingsville public meeting. Mr. Garcia went on to say that the city manager requested that he and the city council be invited to the appraisal district's budget meetings at that same meeting.

(CD 1, meter # 1:04:15)

#### IV. Proposed Agenda Items

- minutes
- financial statements
- budget workshop
- value information
- outgoing bid information

(CD 1, meter # 1:07:08)

#### V. Chief Appraiser's Report

Ms. Flores addressed a question Mr. Coufal had concerning the homestead exemption increase passed by the legislature and how that increase is going to affect the school districts. He specifically asked how that was going to affect the school districts' levy and their portion in funding the appraisal district's budget for the 2024 year. Ms. Flores went on to explain how that would affect the appraisal rolls. Ms. Flores mentioned that she and Ms. Valadez discussed getting together on August 1, 2024, to discuss values. Mr. Barrera asked for an update on the safety deposit box at Wells Fargo Bank. Ms. Flores stated that she had received updated legislative and special session information from Joe Longoria and would be sending them some of that information.

(CD 1, meter # 1:15:54)

#### VI. Comments From the Public

Ms. Valadez updated the board of directors on a date that was questioned during Mr. Colston's matter.

(CD 1, meter # 1:16:31)

#### VII. Adjournment

Mr. Garcia made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Barrera second the motion. All in favor.

(CD 1, meter # 1:16:36)

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Daniel Morales, Chairman

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Brandon Barrera, Secretary