

MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2025

PUBLIC MEETING

OF THE

KLEBERG COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LET IT BE KNOWN THAT on the 20th day of August 2025, 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
Brandon Barrera
Bill Colston, Jr.
Brian Coufal
Vicky Valadez

APPRAISAL STAFF

Ernestina Flores
Alejandro Morante
Daniel Cantu

PUBLIC PRESENT

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Crispin Trevino

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 #:02)

A. Pledge of Allegiance

1. United States of America
2. Texas Flag

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

(CD 1, meter #:25)

II. Comments From the Public

There being none.

(CD 1, meter #:35)

III. Consideration and Action on:

A. 2026 Budget Workshop

The Board of Directors questioned Ms. Flores on several line-items. The main line-items discussed were insurance, salaries, additional personnel positions, data processing, postage, property maintenance, office equipment, arbitration, legal fees, printing and notices, telephone, utilities, office supplies and education and training.

(CD 1, meter #2:17:26)

Ms. Flores attended the meeting at 3:08 pm.

B. Approval of Submission of the 2026 Appraisal District Operating Budget to Taxing Entities

Mr. Coufal made a motion in regards to what was presented to Board of Directors by management to approve the submission of the 2026 Operating Budget that was presented to them that has no appraiser assistant position and has a grand total of \$1,076,510 and that the Board of Directors approve the total salaries figure of that budget but would like to propose that the remainder of that budget be somehow adjusted to provide a grand total not to exceed \$1,037,000.00. This budget includes a 3% salary increase for hourly employees. Mr. Barrera seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

(CD 1, meter #2:20:54)

IV. Proposed Agenda Items

- approval of 2026 operating budget
- financial statements
- minutes
- any reports from the MAPS reviewer
- postponed items
- Appraisal Review Board update
- update on litigation

(CD 1, meter #2:28:48)

V. Chief Appraiser's Report

This line item was postponed until the next meeting.

(CD 1, meter #2:21:57)

A. Consideration and Action on Chief Appraiser's Report Items

VI. Comments From the Public

Not addressed.

VII. Items From the Board of Directors

There being none.

(CD 1, meter #2:24:18)

VIII. Discussion Between Board Members & Chief Appraiser as Permitted by Section 6.15, Texas Property Tax Code

Mr. Morales reminded everyone present that the board meetings begin at 3:00 pm, or try to, but if there is a quorum the meeting will begin at 3:00 pm. He also mentioned that despite what people think or what they say, he is the chairman of this board having been voted as such by the board members. Ms. Flores stated that there have been times when we have waited for board members for up to 15 to 20 minutes and that she at least deserves the same respect if she is on the phone or is taking care of issues that arise. She mentioned that she tries to cut circumstances like that short before meetings, but that sometimes it is not reasonable to do so. She stated that she would appreciate the same respect that is given to each of the members of the board. She went on to say that she at least deserves that.

(CD 1, meter #2:25:56)

IX. Chief Appraiser's Report

On agenda twice.

X. Comments From the Public

On agenda twice.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Barrera made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

(CD 2, meter #2:26:25)



Daniel Morales, Chairman



Brandon Barrera, Secretary