

**HUNT COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 14, 2018**

The Hunt County Appraisal District Board of Directors met in a regular meeting on Thursday, June 14th, 2018, at the Appraisal District Office at 4801 King Street, Greenville, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Taylor, Mitch Moore, Charlie Thompson, Howard Winans, Tyson Cox, and John Sands

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charlie Patterson and Randy Wineinger

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent South, Tamra Burton, and Lorie Adams

The meeting was called to order and a quorum announced at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman, Mike Taylor.

No one spoke in Open Forum.

On Item 4 on the agenda, John Sands made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2018 Regular Meeting. Howard Winans seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

On Item 5 on the agenda, Howard Winans made a motion to approve the May financial statement. Mitch Moore seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

On Item 6 on the agenda, Charlie Thompson made a motion to increase the number of members on the Appraisal Review Board to six. Mitch Moore seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

On Item 7 on the agenda, Charlie Thompson made a motion to appoint David Turner to the Appraisal Review Board. John Sands seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

On Item 8 on the agenda, Howard Winans made a motion to approve three member panels of the Appraisal Review Board. John Sands seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Brent South gave the following "Chief Appraiser's Report":

1. As of today we have received a total of 11,132 formal and informal protests. This number will increase slightly as the BPP deadline was yesterday. This is a 22% increase from 2017 which had a total of 9,208.
2. ARB hearings are scheduled through July 6th with three member panels beginning on June 26th. The additional panel will be used for the telephone conference hearings as well as for any overflow for the main panel. A few additional days may need to be added; however the ARB will conclude all protest hearings prior to their July 20th statutory deadline.
3. The onsite reviewer from the comptroller's office was here all of last week. Much of the data she needed had been provided electronically before the onsite visit and she had many more questions and items that she reviewed in person. She conducted interviews with staff regarding certain policies, procedures, and workflow. At the end of the week she conducted an exit interview with me and informed me that we scored a perfect 100% on all questions. The final report and results will come out in December. Once again I am extremely proud of the HCAD staff for their hard work and dedication to making HCAD one of the premier appraisal districts in the state of Texas. I also applaud the board of directors for allowing the CAD to have the resources to be able to do our jobs at such a high level of excellence.
4. The Supreme Court of Texas has made a significant ruling in the case of EXLP Leasing, LLC and EES Leasing, LLC vs. Galveston CAD. This case is one of hundreds of cases being litigated across the state regarding the appraisal of leased heavy equipment. The ruling by the Supreme Court not only has an impact on heavy equipment but could potentially change the property tax system as a whole. They basically state that the legislature has the authority to assign a valuation standard of something other than "market value" to different categories of properties. A request for a re-hearing has been made but it's not likely they will open the case back up.
5. I am submitting the 2019 preliminary budget to the board and to the taxing entities by the statutory deadline of June 15th. We will have a budget workshop at the July and August meetings and we will hold a public hearing in September to approve the 2019 budget.
6. Our next regular scheduled board of directors meeting will be Thursday, July 12th at 6 PM.

Mr. Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Mike Taylor
Chairman

Mitch Moore
Secretary