

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors for Chambers County Appraisal District, held October 17, 2024.

A meeting of the Board of Directors for the Chambers County Appraisal District was held with the following members present:

Joe Crumpler, Chairman	John Iles, Member
Joey Presnall, Member	Laurie Payton, Ex-Officio
Alecia Turner, Secretary	

Also present were Mitch McCullough, Chief Appraiser and Stephanie Muniz, Assistant Chief Administrator.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crumpler at 10:12 am.

The Minutes of the September 19, 2024 Board Meeting were presented to the Board for review and with a motion from Member Iles and second by Secretary Turner, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Appraiser McCullough presented the September, 2024 Expenditures to the board for review and after discussion, motion was made by Member Iles and seconded by Member Presnall to approve same. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Appraiser McCullough presented the September, 2024 Financial Reports to the board and after discussion, motion was made Member Iles and seconded by Member Presnall to approve same. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Appraiser McCullough presented the 3rd Quarter Proforma Investment Report to the board and after discussion, motion was made Member Presnall and seconded by Member Iles to approve same. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Appraiser McCullough presented the 3rd Quarter 25.25B Report on Corrections to the certified appraisal role to the board for their review and approval, after discussion, motion was made by Secretary Turner and seconded by Member Iles to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously

Chief Appraiser McCullough presented the Eagleview contract for Sketch Inspect for their review and approval, after discussion, motion was made by Member Iles and seconded by Secretary Turner to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously

Chief Appraiser McCullough directed the board to a spreadsheet of quotes for replacement of our AC Unit that has gone out and we are unable to repair. In reviewing the quotes, the board asked that we go back to these companies and ask them to all quote for the same specs so that we are comparing apples to apples. We expressed the need to approve and install the new unit prior to the next meeting. Secretary Turner made a motion that we review the updated quotes and that Chief McCullough be given full authority to approve the quote for what is deemed to be the most efficient system for our needs. Secretary Iles seconded the motion as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Appraiser McCullough advised the board that we interviewed two people for the clerical position and we have hired a young woman named Sandra Moreno. He explained that she is well spoken, has impressive skills and a background in bookkeeping. He told the Board that she is currently employed with Anahuac National Bank and is excited to be moving over to become a member of our staff. Her first day at the CAD will be Friday, November 1, 2024.

Chief Appraiser McCullough updated the board on the status of our lawsuits and arbitrations. He advised we recently closed out one other lawsuit in the past week. We have also settled several arbitrations with minor concessions. He explained that we have received several new lawsuits as well; most of which pertain to commercial and industrial type properties.

No public comment

Chief McCullough told the board that the new “big thing” in industry is discussion of carbon capture and questions about whether it adds value to the tax rolls. Chief McCullough explained that this carbon is captured and injected into old depleted wells, sealed up, never to the light of day again. While we all agree there is a great deal of infrastructure needed for this process; the likelihood is all of the infrastructure will be exempt from taxation because of the pollution control aspects of this process. Chief McCullough informed the Board that we started phase one of our target agriculture reapplication project. He told the Board that Stephanie Muniz and Tiffany Christensen rode the west side of Chambers County, south of I-10 looking in depth at each property under the ag appraisal to verify they are in compliance with our current degree of intensity standards. He advised they identified dozens of properties that lost their degree of intensity and were sent certified removal letters letting them know they were no longer in compliance and it has been removed. Chief McCullough explained that they have an opportunity to get the property into compliance for a reapplication. He expressed that many of the property owners affected by this project have known for some time that they were not in compliance; the process of removal was past due.

Board Comments: None

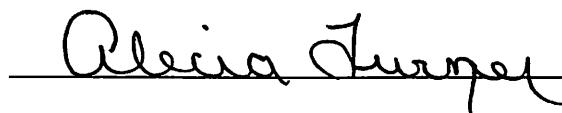
Chairman Crumpler set the next regular meeting for November 21, 2024 at 10:00 am.

With a motion from Secretary Turner and second by Member Presnall, the Board adjourned at 11:13 am.

Approved the 21 day of November, 2024.



Joe Crumpler, Chairman
Board of Directors
Chambers County Appraisal District



Alecia Turner, Secretary
Board of Directors
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