

MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR CHAMBERS COUNTY WAS HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2023 IN THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM.

A MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR CHAMBERS COUNTY WAS HELD WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: TOMMY GILBERT, DAVE WILCOX, RICHIE DEVILLIER & LEROY EZER

ALSO PRESENT WERE MITCH McCULLOUGH, CHIEF APPRAISER, KAYLA PELHAM, ASSISTANT CHIEF APPRAISER AND STEPHANIE MUNIZ, ASSISTANT CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR.

KAYLA PELHAM, ASSISTANT CHIEF APPRAISER, CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:08 A.M.

THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED AVERAGE RENTS AND LEASES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND IN CHAMBERS COUNTY. COMMITTEE MEMBERS AGREED AVERAGE RENTS FOR IRRIGATED CROPS SHOULD BE \$25.00; THE COMMITTEE COMMENTED THAT LOTS OF FARMERS ARE DROPPING OUT OF FARMING IRRIGATED CROPS DUE TO THE INCREASED COST OF WATER & FERTILIZER, DRYLAND CROP SHOULD BE \$5.00, THEY STATE THAT THERE ARE VERY FEW DRY CROP PRODUCERS WITHIN OUR COUNTY, IMPROVED PASTURE SHOULD BE \$5.00 BECAUSE OF THE INCREASED COST OF FERTILIZER, NATIVE PASTURE SHOULD BE \$4.50, MARSH & WASTE SHOULD BE \$4.00, CRAWFISH FARMS SHOULD BE \$15.00, ORCHARDS SHOULD BE \$10.00, GRASS FARMS SHOULD BE \$35.00, TIMBER SHOULD BE \$8.00, HUNTING LEASES SHOULD BE \$8.00 AND BEES SHOULD BE \$7.50.

ACCORDING TO THE COMMITTEE, TAXES ARE INCLUDED IN THE LEASE PRICE.

THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERED THE DEGREE OF INTENSITY FOR AGRICULTURAL AND TIMBER PROPERTIES FOR CHAMBERS COUNTY. THE ONLY CHANGE MADE WAS THAT TO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT WHERE THE PROPERTY MUST HAVE QUALIFIED FOR AG OR TIMBER USE THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:00 AM



KAYLA PELHAM, ASSISTANT CHIEF APPRAISER
CHAMBERS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT