

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors for Chambers County Appraisal District, held on April 6, 2021.

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

Joe Crumpler, Chairman
Alecia Turner, Secretary
Joey Presnall, Member
John Iles, Member
Tan Williams, Member

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

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

The Minutes of the March 16, 2021 Board Meeting were presented to the Board for review and with a motion from Secretary Turner and second by Member Iles, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Appraiser McCullough presented the March, 2021 Expenditures to the board for review and after discussion motion was made by Member Williams and seconded by Member Presnall to approve same. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Appraiser McCullough presented the March, 2021 Financial Report to the board and after discussion, motion was made by Member Presnall and seconded by Secretary Turner to approve same. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Appraiser McCullough presented the proposed 2022 budget to the Board for review and after discussion, motion was made by Member Williams and seconded by Member Iles to approve as written and to distribute for review to the taxing entities with Budget Hearing scheduled for May 18, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Chief Appraiser McCullough informed the board that Agenda item 4-1 is just a clerical matter of notifying them that he made corrections to the tax roll under Section 25.25(b) of the property tax code and no action is required by them; he presented the binder for their review. He also explained that these are changes that result in no additional taxes and or a refund due to late filed homestead exemptions, ownership changes, etc.

No personnel.

Chief Appraiser McCullough informed the board that there has been no further movement on the school equalization case since our last meeting. He advised that he met with Scott Campbell of ECISD on 3/18/21, he met with Judge Sylvia, Denise Hutter & Commissioner Gore on 3/22/21 and he met with Dennis Wagner of AISD on 3/23/21. He advised that his meetings were to make sure that all parties are on the same page and to discuss the areas of issue. He expressed his greatest area of concern is should the industrial parties not be entitled to an exemption on school equalization tax rate, are homesteads, over 65, disabled veterans, etc. entitled as well? He advised the Board of Directors that Tony Brown is looking into at this time before we proceed. He also explained that there has been no movement on lawsuits to date. He explained that we did have 6 arbitrations filed with the Comptroller's office and 5 of the 6 had been scheduled to date. We won the first 4 arbitrations that were scheduled prior to this meeting and the 5th arbitration was scheduled for today at 11:30am. Chief Appraiser McCullough expressed that our success was largely due to great effort from Assistant Chief Appraiser, Kayla Pelham, Senior Appraiser, Natalie Whatley in appraising the property and defending our values.

No public comment

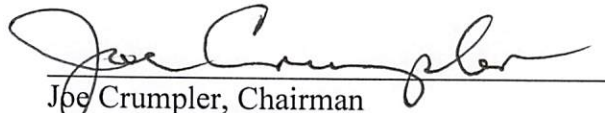
Chief Appraiser McCullough informed the board that there were 625 new houses added across our 4 school districts from 2019-2020 and after reviewing our recaps for 2021, there were also 625 new houses added across our 4 school districts from 2020-2021. Chief Appraiser McCullough explained that although we reappraised areas throughout Anahuac ISD; we learned recently that their mineral production was down approximately 35% from last year which will likely negate the value increase we made locally with new improvement and reappraisal efforts. He told the Board that the same happened with last year, mineral value decreases for 2020 nullified our reappraisal efforts.

No board comments.

Chairman Crumpler set the next regular meeting for May 18, 2021 at 10:15 am.

With a motion from Member Presnall and second by Member Iles, Board adjourned at 11:40 am.

Approved the 18 day of May, 2021.



Joe Crumpler, Chairman
Board of Directors
Chambers County Appraisal District



Alecia Turner, Secretary
Board of Directors
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