

**HUNT COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 11, 2016**

The Hunt County Appraisal District Board of Directors met in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2016, at the Appraisal District Office at 4801 King Street, Greenville, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mitch Moore, Tyson Cox, Howard Winans, Charlie Thompson, John Sands, and Randy Wineinger

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mike Taylor and Charlie Patterson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent South, Tamra Burton, Lorie Adams, and David Payne

The meeting was called to order and a quorum announced at 6:00 p.m. by Secretary, Mitch Moore.

No one spoke in Open Forum

On Item 4 on the agenda, John Sands made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2016 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 January financial statement. John Sands seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

On Item 6 on the agenda, Charlie Thompson made a motion to approve the extension for the bank depository contract with the American National Bank of Texas. Tyson Cox seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

On Item 7 on the agenda, David Payne with Freese and Nichols gave a report on the preliminary site investigation that was completed on January 26, 2016. Mr. Payne outlined the preliminary findings regarding the roof and window sill construction and the sidewalk and foundation on the "add-

on" part of the building. The board agreed that the first step should be to have an air quality test performed before taking any further action.

On Item 8 on the agenda, Mr. South presented the 2015 Property Value Study to the board members. All school districts in Hunt County were granted local value. A discussion on key issues within the study also took place with information outlined in hand outs provided to the board members.

On Item 9 on the agenda, update on pending litigation, the board entered into Executive Session at 6:52 PM and returned to Open Session at 7:05 PM. No action occurred.

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

1. The deadline for paying the 2015 property taxes and filing any 25.25(d) protests for 2015 values was February 1, 2016. We have 72 2015 protests scheduled for hearings on March 1, 2016.
2. The ARB is scheduled for their annual training on May 3rd in Pittsburg. The training is conducted by the PTAD of the state comptroller's office and is required for each ARB member each year.
3. The Select Senate Committee on Property Tax Reform has started their state wide tour of holding public hearings. The first hearing was last month in San Antonio. Some of the early suggestions and indications of potential bills to be filed next session are:
 - a. Additional or improved training for ARB
 - b. Revenue caps for local government
 - c. Removal of the deduction for new value in the "effective rate" calculation
 - d. Abolishment of the BPP property tax or inventory tax
 - e. Changes to the 25.19 appraisal notice
 - f. More separation of the ARB from the CAD's
 - g. Abolishment of taxing entity challenges

The committee held their second hearing in Harlingen. Our TAAD association will have a representative at each hearing to be available as a resource.

4. Preliminary field work has been completed. Appraisers are now out reviewing Ag applications that have been received so far and the BPP department is in the process of reviewing and working renditions as they come in.
5. The auditors have been in the office this week working on the 2015 financial audit. We hope to have them provide a report at the next regular board meeting.
6. A copy of the 2015 ARB survey with the results of property owner responses has been provided to each of you. As you can see, the responses were overwhelmingly positive. Of the 5,808 property

owners who completed the survey, none were from Hunt County. 61% were Harris County, 9.6% were El Paso County, 5.4% were Williamson County, and 3.4% were Parker County. The overall impression of the ARB was 58.3% responded "Excellent", 22.8% responded "Good", 8.9% responded "Fair", and 10.0% responded "Poor".

7. The next regular board meeting of the Hunt CAD Board of Directors will be March 10th, at 6 PM.

Mr. Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.



Mitch Moore
Secretary