

Lamar County Appraisal District

Board of Directors Meeting

January 29, 2020

Members present: Terry Christian, David Dunmon, Keith Mitchell, and Lyle Edwards

Members Absent: Kelly Jeffrey

LCAD staff present: Jerry Patton, Pat Loven, and Leah Robertson

1. Meeting called to order and a quorum declared at 4 p.m. by Board Chairman, Terry Christian.

2. Public Comments: None

3. The swearing-in of Board members and the election of officers;

Chairman nomination was Terry Christian by David Dunmon and Second by Keith Mitchell.

Vote: Unanimous

Secretary nomination was Kelly Jeffrey by David Dunmon and Second by Keith Mitchell.

Vote: Unanimous

4. November 25, 2019 meeting minutes approved:

Motion: Keith Mitchell Second: David Dunmon

5. The District financial report was given by Chief Appraiser, Jerry Patton.

He told the Board that the budget was over by approximately 5% regarding the normal expenditures for this time of the year due to the up-front payment to Pictometry and the additional office changes required for the added appraisal positions but, he expected that this would level out over the coming months. Mr. Patton also noted that we will need to start seeking bids for the repair of the roof due to the leak that has returned in the men's restroom.

Motion: Keith Mitchell Second: Lyle Edwards Vote: Unanimous

6. The district appraisal report was given by Leah Robertson, Director of Appraisal. The report is attached and being made a part of these minutes.

Motion: Keith Mitchell Second: Lyle Edwards Vote: Unanimous

7. The District collections report was given by Director of Collections, Pat Loven. The attached report is being made a part of these minutes.

Motion: Keith Mitchell Second: Lyle Edwards Vote: Unanimous

8. The Chief Appraiser report was given by Jerry Patton. The mediation between the Lamar County Appraisal District and Daisy Dairy did not go well. The judge presiding over the mediation asked the attorneys to come to an agreement since no action could be agreed upon during this mediation. This case is still pending.

The court case Paris Regional Medical Center versus Lamar County Appraisal district is set to go to mediation on February 6, 2020, in Dallas to be attended by Jerry Patton, Cathy Jackson from Capital Appraisal Group and Jim Evans, the appraisal district attorney. Jerry will keep the Board advised of the status of this lawsuit.

The Holt versus Lamar County Appraisal District is still being discussed between each opposing side's attorneys and will be further reported on as the case progresses.

In the case of Turner Industries versus Lamar County Appraisal District, an arbitrator has been selected by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. The arbitrator is from the Houston area and the logistics of the meeting are to be relayed to Jerry in the coming weeks.

As a reminder, Jerry Patton told the Board that he would be presenting the proposed budget to them at the February meeting in order to keep within the timeline defined by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Motion: David Dunmon Second: Keith Mitchell Vote: Unanimous

9. A closed session was not required by the Board or the Chief Appraiser.

10. Adjourned

Motion: Keith Mitchell Second: David Dunmon Vote: Unanimous

Jerry E. Patton

Chief Appraiser, Lamar County

Secretary Kelly Jeffery
Kelly Jeffery

Chairman Terry Christian
Terry Christian