Appraisal Review Board

Each appraisal district in the State of Texas has an Appraisal Review Board (ARB) comprised of a group of citizens, appointed by the district's Board of Directors to determine taxpayer protests and taxing unit challenges.

ARB meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act and therefore an agenda must be posted 72 hours prior to meeting.

For cost savings, the ARB meets at the appraisal office. It does not have its own staff or office but used the staff assigned to it temporarily by the Chief Appraiser.

The Chief Appraiser may not increase the value of a property that had a final determination of appraised value by the ARB, arbitration or district court in the preceding year unless the Chief Appraiser has substantial evidence to support the increase. The Chief Appraiser may provide substantial evidence to support an increase in the value of the property whose value was finally determined on the basis of unequal appraisal by showing that the inequitity in appraisals has been corrected with respect to the properties that were considered in determining the value of the subject property.

The Freestone ARB has adopted it own Rules & Procedures which govern its proceedings.

Current members of the Freestone Appraisal Review Board are:

- M J Alford, Chairman
- Jerry Jendel, Secretary
- Joycie Burns
- Gary Tugwell
- Ann Gokey