Freestone Central Appraisal District Directors Meeting

Minutes of February 10, 2016

Regular Meeting #438

The Freestone Central Appraisal District Board of Directors met at the appraisal office located at 218 North Mount, Fairfield, Texas. Board members present were Lisa Foree, Lovie Whyte, Craig Dunlap, and Sid Fryer. Representing the appraisal district were Bud Black, Chief Appraiser; and Don Awalt, Deputy Chief Appraiser, Carol Clark, Administrative Assistant.

Craig Dunlap, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Dunlap confirmed that proof of the posting of public notice of this meeting was met in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government.

Mr. Dunlap declared a quorum of members present.

Oaths of office were administered to Ms. Foree and Ms. Whyte by Carol Clark, Notary.

Consideration and action were taken on the minutes of January 13, 2016. There was a motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Fryer, seconded by Ms. Foree. Motion carried.

The board then reviewed the district's monthly financial reports for the month of January 2016 as prepared by Mr. Black. Ms. Whyte made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports, seconded by Mr. Fryer. Motion carried.

Consideration and action were taken on the Chief Appraiser's report on ARB approved changes. Mr. Black explained that the changes had been reviewed by the Appraisal Review Board during their regular meeting on January 14, 2016. He reported that there were no outstanding protests on these accounts and the changes had been delivered to the tax offices for corrections to their rolls. Ms. Foree made a motion to approve the Chief Appraiser's report on ARB approved changes. Mr. Fryer seconded the motion and motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Black presented the Chief's Appraiser's Report.

Noted in the report:

- On-Site inspections are progressing as scheduled. Tasks should be finished by the end of February.
- 288 have been marked for inspections or review outside of the normal inspection cycle due to new construction, new business, or owner requests. These properties will be inspected in March.
- We are currently studying sales information that we have collected. Not quite ready to make predictions as to what direction values will be going this year.
- Our new procedure for notifying property owners of new application filing requirements is working well. Letters were mailed weekly rather than waiting until late January to mail all letters at one time.
- The ARB is scheduled to receive its training in Conroe in March. They will hold their first 2016 quarterly meeting on March 10. There are several property owners who have filed protests because they failed to timely file applications for "ag" on time.

There being no public comment and there being no further business, Mr. Dunlap declared the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Chairman

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