

Freestone Central Appraisal District
Directors Meeting

Minutes of June 08, 2016

Regular Meeting #442

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, Brownie Utley, and Craig Dunlap. 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 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Dunlap confirmed that the agenda had been notarized and posted on the front door of the appraisal district office, and on the district's website, as proof of the posting of public notice of this meeting in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government.

Mr. Dunlap declared a quorum of members present.

Consideration and action were taken on the minutes of May 11, 2016. There was a motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Utley, seconded by Ms. Foree. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Black noted that the proposed budget had been mailed to all of the taxing entities and notice of the hearing had been published in the area newspapers 12 days prior to the hearing as is required by State law. He further stated that the notice had been attached to the board's agenda as it was posted on the front door of the appraisal district, and on the appraisal district's website.

Mr. Dunlap then declared that the board would be entering into a public hearing to consider the adoption of the district's 2017 operating budget at 7.13 p.m.

Mr. Black stated that the document before the board was the result of the budget workshop that he and the board conducted during the May 11 meeting. Mr. Black briefly reviewed the budget categories explaining the increase, decrease, or no change in each category.

With no members of the public in attendance, Mr. Dunlap declared that the public hearing for the 2017 operating budget was ending at 7.26 p.m. Ms. Whyte made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Utley that the 2017 operating budget be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Consideration and action was taken on the 2016 summary appraisal report as prepared by USPAP Standards for Appraisal. Mr. Black pointed out to the board the signed certification on page 35 of the report for limiting conditions presented and approved by the ARB on May 24, 2016. After brief discussion Ms. Foree made a motion to accept the 2016 Summary Appraisal Report as presented. Mr. Utley seconded the motion and motion carried.

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

Noted in the report:

- Appraisal notices for business personal property and the mineral/utility/industrial properties are scheduled to go out on May 20.
- The ARB met on May 24 to accept the appraisal records for 2016.

- We have had protests filed by 90 property owners to date. Most of these are for properties protested annually by tax agents. Most of these protests will be withdrawn with little or no change to the appraised value.
- The last day for real estate protests was May 31 and the last day to protest those properties receiving notices on May 20 will be June 20.
- Staff members have been busy the past month talking to property owners and agents. They will begin preparing evidence for ARB protest hearings for those cases that remain unsettled.

There being no public comment and there being no further business, Mr. Dunlap declared the meeting adjourned at 7.52 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary