

FREESTONE COUNTY APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of January 12, 2017

Meeting #2017-01

The Freestone County Appraisal Review Board met at the Freestone Central Appraisal District located at 218 North Mount, Fairfield, Texas. Board members present were Ann Gokey, Eric Samford, M J Alford, Deb Manahan and Wain Glass. Representing the appraisal district were Bud Black, Chief Appraiser; Don Awalt, Deputy Chief Appraiser; Carol Clark, ARB Clerk and Notary.

Ms. Gokey, chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:19 p.m.

Ms. Gokey requested proof of the posting of public notice of this meeting in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government. Mr. Black stated that the posting requirements had been met. The notice was posted on the district's website and on the office front door well in advance of the required seventy-two-hour notice of the public meeting.

Oaths of office were administered to Ms. Alford and Mr. Samford by Carol Clark, Notary Public.

Ms. Gokey declared a quorum of the board present and asked that each board member state their name for the record.


Consideration and action were taken on the minutes of December 1, 2016. There was a motion by Mr. Glass and a second by Mr. Samford to approve the minutes of December 1, 2016. The motion carried.

The board considered the dates for 2017 meetings. The Board scheduled the quarterly meetings for March 30, June 1, September 14 and November 30. The board will accept the appraisal records from the Chief Appraiser on June 1, 2017. The dates set for hearings are July 11, 13, and 18, 2017. Mr. Samford made a motion on the Adoption Dates for 2017 hearings, seconded by Ms. Alford. The motion carried.


Mr. Black presented the 2017 ARB Hearing Rules & Procedures explaining to the board that there were no changes. Mr. Samford made a motion on the Approval of the 2017 ARB Hearing Rules & Procedures as presented. Mr. Glass seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Board considered Staff Recommended Changes to the Certified Appraisal Rolls for Quarter Ending December 31, 2016. The report included a recap of total changes and the reason for each change. Mr. Black stated that he is required by State law to present these changes to the Appraisal Review Board and the Board of Directors. By previous action of the Appraisal Review Board, he has been given authority to make these changes if they are in agreement between the appraisal district and the property owner. Mr. Black stated that there are no outstanding protests on any of the listed properties, and all changes have been sent to the affected taxing entities for corrections to their rolls. After a brief discussion there was a motion by Mr. Samford seconded by Mr. Glass to approve the changes as presented. The motion carried.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary