

FREESTONE COUNTY APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of January 11, 2018

Meeting #2018-1

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

Ms. Alford, chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Ms. Alford requested proof of the posting of public notice of this meeting in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government. Mr. Black stated that Ms. Clark posted the notice on the website and the office front door on January 4 between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. well in advance of the required seventy-two-hour notice of the public meeting.

Oaths of office were administered to Ms. Manahan, Mr. Glass and Mr. Ratcliff by Carol Clark, Notary Public.

Ms. Alford 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 November 30, 2017. There was a motion by Mr. Samford and a second by Mr. Glass to approve the minutes of November 30, 2017. The motion carried.

The board considered the dates for 2018 meetings. The Board scheduled the quarterly meetings for May 31, July 10, and November 15. The board will accept the appraisal records from the Chief Appraiser on July 19, 2018. The dates set for hearings are July 10, 17, 18 and 19, 2018. Mr. Samford made a motion on the Adoption Dates for 2018 hearings, seconded by Mr. Glass. The motion carried.

There were no unscheduled tax payer protests.

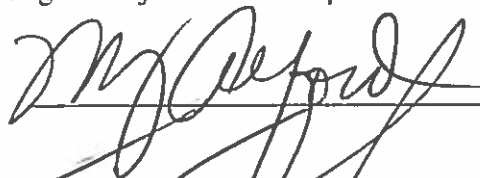
The board considered a request for hearing for the following case. A motion was made by Mr. Samford to dismiss the request for failure to submit a reasonable cause for filing late. Ms. Manahan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Case Number	Property Owner	Action Taken
201700253	Hollie-Collins Alverta Est.	Dismissed

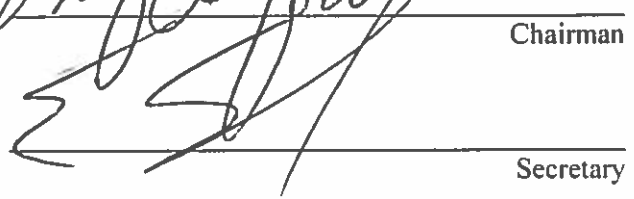
Mr. Black presented the 2018 ARB Hearing Rules & Procedures to the board, reviewing changes that were made. Under section 7.00 (Evidence) the title "Evidence Received by the ARB" the second paragraph stating that "*All evidence received by the ARB in electronic formats...*" would be deleted and replaced with the following paragraph in red beginning with "*The ARB will accept evidence in the following electronic formats:*". Mr. Black briefly explained to the board that the list of non-proprietary formats that would be acceptable for evidence. Additional information was added under the title "Use of Electronic Equipment in Evidence Presentation", "*A Microsoft Windows PC system is connected to large screen televisions via HDMI to provide both video and audio. The equipment is capable of reading and accepting the same types of file formats and devices listed above. Protestors may also elect to make presentations on their own equipment...*". After further discussion Mr. Samford made a motion on the Approval of the 2018 ARB Hearing Rules & Procedures. Ms. Manahan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The board considered the Chief Appraiser's ARB Approved Changes. Mr. Black presented his report which included a recap of total changes and the reason for each change. He pointed out that exemptions were applied in 2015 with new laws allowing property owners to go back 2 years to file a homestead instead of 1 year. Mr. Black reminded the board 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, Mr. Samford made a motion seconded by Mr. Glass to approve the changes as presented.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary