

Freestone Central Appraisal District
Directors Meeting

Minutes of February 13, 2019

Regular Meeting #474

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

Teresa Duke, board chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Ms. Duke requested proof of the posting of public notice of this meeting. Mr. Black confirmed that the agenda was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act as evidence by the time stamp and notarized statement.

Ms. Duke then declared a quorum of members present.

Consideration and action were taken on the minutes of January 9, 2019. There was a motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Dunlap, seconded by Mr. Fryer to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The board then reviewed the district's monthly financial reports for the month of January. Mr. Black pointed out that Texas Association of Counties (TAC) was erroneously included in the bill list twice. After checking the district's records, check number 10531 is a voided check that should be deleted from the check register. Ms. Foree made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports as presented with a correction to remove check number 10531 for Texas Association of Counties, seconded by Mr. Fryer. Motion carried.

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

Noted in the report:


1. Reappraisal activities continue. Business personal property inspection have been completed and the appraiser is now working on the vehicle lists and receiving renditions from business owners. There are still approximately one-third of the scheduled properties that have not been completed to date. We expect to be able to complete the assignment this season approximately three weeks behind schedule. This should have no affect on the schedule for delivering appraisal notice in a timely manner along with the certification of values by the target date of July 25, 2019.
2. The Property Tax Assistance Division has released its preliminary findings for the 2019 property value study of Wortham ISD. The report shows that the appraisal district's values are outside of the confidence interval and Wortham is its "second year of grace." This means that although TEA will use the local appraisal district values for school funding this year rather than PTAD's values for funding purposes.

Mr. Black has contacted Mr. Allen with Wortham ISD and the school board has agreed to file a formal protest on the study. Mr. Black contacted the Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott Law Firm to represent the district in the appeal.


If Wortham's values are found invalid in 2020, school funding will be severely affected.

3. The Property Tax Assistance Division has released the final Methods and Appraisal Practices (MAP) Review has been released. Mr. Black is proud to report that FCAD has a perfect report with no recommendations.
4. We have lost two employees in the last month. Brandon Glass has resigned his position Bobbi Shepherd has resigned her position to enter retirement. We are currently advertising for both positions on Facebook, our website, and in the local newspapers. Applications will be received until March 1, 2019.

There being no public comment and there being no further business, Ms. Duke declared the meeting adjourned at 7.53 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary