# Cooke County Appraisal District 201 N. Dixon Gainesville, TX 76240 940-665-7651

# MINUTES Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, April 12, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. @ CCAD Office 201 N. Dixon Gainesville, TX 76240

Present: Joe Knight, Jerry Fleitman, Nancy Brannon and Jim Collins. Nathan Dempsey was absent. Also present was Chief Appraiser, Doug Smithson, Deputy Chief, Daisy Watson, Lori Clack and the Weekly News.

Opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were performed.

Public comments. There were none.

**Review and approve minutes.** Minutes were read and approved as presented. Jim Collins made the motion to approve and seconded by Jerry Fleitman.



Review payment of bills. Bills were reviewed and accepted.

Review financial statements. Financials were reviewed and accepted.

### **Action items:**

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding 2023 contracts. Contracts were reviewed and discussed. Jerry Fleitman made the motion to accept bids for custodial service. Jim Collins seconded the motion.
  - B. Discussion and possible action regarding the 25.25b corrections to the roll. There were none.
- **C.** Discussion and possible action regarding investments. Investments were reviewed and discussed. Jerry Fleitman made the motion to check with other institutions for better rates on CD's. Nancy Brannon seconded the motion.
- D. Discussion and possible action regarding 2023 Legislation. Senate Bill 1842 relates to a requirement that an appraisal districts maintain and post certain information on an internet website. Jerry Fleitman made the motion to further coordinate with other Districts regarding this bill. Nancy Brannon seconded the motion.

The board entered into executive session at 5:50 p.m.

The board re-entered into open session at 6:02 p.m. No action was taken.

# VI. Discussion items:

A. Chief Appraiser report:

1. Doug reported that appraisal notices will be mailed on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Last year, there were around 19,000 notices mailed and this year it's around 27,000. MAPS reviewer will be in the office the week of April 24<sup>th</sup>. Doug also reported that values are still rising. Daisy Watson gave a brief report on ARB procedures for walk-ins, appointments, etc.

B. Board of Directors report. Joe Knight gave a brief report from the TAAD conference. Over all it was a good

conference.

Chairman

Secretary

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#### **MINUTES**

# Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, May 10, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. @ CCAD Office 201 N. Dixon Gainesville, TX 76240

Present: Joe Knight, Nancy Brannon and Jim Collins. Nathan Dempsey and Jerry Fleitman were absent. Also present was Chief Appraiser, Doug Smithson, Deputy Chief, Daisy Watson and Lori Clack

Opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were performed.

Public comments. There were none.

**Review and approve minutes.** Minutes were read and approved as presented. Jim Collins made the motion to approve and seconded by Nancy Brannon.

Review payment of bills. Bills were reviewed and accepted.

Review financial statements. Financials were reviewed and accepted.

## **Action items:**

A. Discussion and possible action regarding Chief Appraiser evaluation. Joe Knight provided Doug with his evaluation. No action was taken.

#### VI. Discussion items:

A. Discussion of 2024 preliminary budget.

The preliminary budget was discussed. Send copy to entities. The budget is a 6% increase from last year.

- B. Chief Appraiser report:
  - 1. Methods and Assistance Procedures. Doug explained that there are 92 questions on the review. We had 3 no's.
  - 2. Appraisal Notices
  - 3. Collection, appraisals, mapping, pictomentry, conferences and in-house training. Doug reported that informals were wrapping up and protest hearings were about to start. At this time, there has not been the volume of protests as of this time last year.

Doug reported there's been a lot of questions regarding the \$100,000 homestead cap.

Doug and Daisy-attended several speaking engagements.

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