

Lamar County Appraisal District

Board of Directors Meeting

APRIL 29, 2020

Members present: Terry Christian, David Dunmon Kelly Jeffery, Keith Mitchell and Kenneth Kohls

Members Absent: None

LCAD staff present: Jerry Patton and Leah Robertson

LCAD staff absent: Pat Loven

1. Meeting called to order at 4 p.m. by Board Chairman, Terry Christian.
2. Public Comments: None
3. MARCH 25, 2020 meeting minutes approved:
Motion: Kelly Jeffery Second: Lyle Edwards Vote: Unanimous
4. The Chief Appraiser gave an update on our current financial position. He told the board that we are currently 4% over budget. He reminded them we are over budget due expenses incurred getting the appraisal side ready for five appraisers and that quarterly payments were made to some of our contractors. He concluded his report saying the budget would even out by the end of the budget year.
Motion: David Dunmon Second: Keith Mitchell Vote: Unanimous
5. Leah Robertson gave the appraisal report. She told them that the appraisal staff was working toward completing reappraisal and that notices were tentatively set to be mailed on May 24, 2020. She told them that she has been doing extensive sales analysis in hopes of getting compliance with state guidelines. She let them she is finding significant increases are needed in some classes of houses, while other classes will see minimal increases. She also discussed that we were working on finding a location to hold informal hearings and protest hearings before the Lamar County Appraisal Review Board. This needed because our facility will not allow for proper social distancing. She concluded her report by stating we are expecting a high number of protests this year.
Motion: Kelly Jeffery Second: David Dunmon Vote: Unanimous
6. Pat Loven gave the collection report. The Board was informed that our current collection rate was at 94%. She let them know that we were \$92110.74 ahead of last year's current collections. Pat told them that the next tax sale is tentatively set for July 7, 2020
Motion: Kelly Jeffery Second: David Dunmon Vote: Unanimous
7. The Chief Appraiser reported that was still working in Paris ISD reappraisal area. He told them he was completing the reappraisal of the Johnson Woods neighborhood, reappraising several mobile

home parks and working new commercial construction. He let know that he was looking into making the lobby safer for our employees. He stated that he was getting an estimate to install a glass or plexiglass barrier on our existing counter. He let them it would require changing the location of two ceiling lights. He talked to the Board about setting the date for our budget public hearing. After discussion, the date for the public hearing was set for May 13, 2020.

Motion: Keith Mitchell

Second: Lyle Edwards

Vote: Unanimous

8. A discussion was held regarding our bank depository. The chief Appraiser reminded the Board that even though the current depository contract was due for bid process, the Texas Property Tax Code allows for one extension without having to have bids from other banks. After discussion, the Board voted to keep Guaranty Bank and Trust as the bank depository of record.

Motion: Keith Mitchell

Second: David Dunmon

Vote: Unanimous

9. A closed session was not necessary
10. Adjourn


Motion: Kelly Jeffery


Second: Keith Mitchell

Vote: Unanimous

Jerry E. Patton

Chief Appraiser, Lamar County


Secretary, Kelly Jeffery


Chairman, Terry Christian