

Lamar County Appraisal District

Board of Directors Meeting

AUGUST 26, 2020

Members present: Terry Christian, David Dunmon, Kelly Jeffery, Keith Mitchell and Lyle Edwards

LCAD staff present: Jerry Patton and Pat Loven

LCAD staff absent: Leah Robertson (conducting protest hearings)

1. Meeting called to order and a quorum declared at 4:00 p.m. by Board Chairman, Terry Christian.
2. No public comments. None present.
3. Approval of the minutes from June 24, 2020.

Motion: David Dunmon Second: Keith Mitchell Vote: Unanimous

4. The District's financial report was given by Jerry Patton. He stated that the budget remains over budget by approximately 2%. The Board wanted the Chief Appraiser to look into why salaries were over budget. He said he would determine the overage and report back. He said he expects the District to be under budget by the time this budget period expires in August.

Motion: Lyle Edwards Second: Kelly Jeffery Vote: Unanimous

5. The Director of Appraisal report was given by Jerry Patton in absence of Leah Robertson who was conducting informal hearings at Love Civic Center. He reported that formal hearings had begun and were being heard by the Appraisal Review Board. Leah They were told the appraisal staff was still working with taxpayers regarding values when requested by the taxpayer.

Motion: Kelly Jeffery Second: Keith Mitchell Vote: Unanimous

6. The Director of Collections report was given by Pat Loven. She reported that current collections for the year had moved ahead of last year at the same point in time by \$85,500. She stated that even with COVID-19, collections were still steady with payments being put in our drop box and being made online. She let know that a tax sale held in July contained 19 properties and that 18 sold for a total of \$66,050. The next sale will be in October depending on current conditions regarding the Coronavirus.

Motion: Kelly Jeffery Second: Keith Mitchell Vote: Unanimous

7. Jerry Patton let them he has continued going to the field with the delinquent tax attorneys to make field inspections and personally talk with delinquent taxpayers to get commitments to pay their taxes. Their efforts are making progress in the collection of delinquent taxes. He said he was also making field inspections for the appraisers so can continue to work taxpayers who have protested. Lastly, he told them he has been going to the Civic Center to make sure hearings were going smoothly

Motion: David Dunmon Second: Keith Mitchell Vote: Unanimous


8. The Board went into closed session at 4:40 p.m. Motion by Kelly Jeffery, Second by Lyle Edwards. Vote was unanimous. The Chief Appraiser gave the board five resumes that have been submitted for the Chief Appraiser's position regarding his pending retirement. After reviewing the resumes, the Board returned to open session at 5:10 p.m. with a motion by Lyle Edwards, Second by Keith Mitchell. Vote was unanimous. No action was required or taken upon returning to open session.

9. Adjourn Motion: Lyle Edwards Second: Keith Mitchell Vote: Unanimous


Jerry E. Patton

Chief Appraiser, Lamar County

Secretary

  
Kelly Jeffery

Chairman

  
Terry Christian