

LAMAR COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020  
4:10 P.M.

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

LCAD Staff present: Stephanie Lee and Margie McKee.

LCAD Staff absent: Jerry Patton, Pat Loven and Leah Robertson

1. Meeting called to order and a quorum declared at 4:10 p.m. by Board Chairman, Terry Christian.
2. Public Comments - No one in attendance.
3. Approval of the minutes from October 7, 2020 meeting.  
Motion: David Dunmon                      Second: Lyle Edwards                      Vote: Unanimous
4. Approval of the minutes from October 28, 2020 meeting.  
Motion: Lyle Edwards                      Second: David Dunmon                      Vote: Unanimous
5. The District's financial report was given by Stephanie Lee. There was discussion on ARB expenses, being in excess of budget, due to large amount of property protests. All other items are in line with Budget.  
Motion: David Dunmon                      Second: Lyle Edwards                      Vote: Unanimous
6. The Director of Appraisal report was not given due to the absence of Leah Robertson.
7. The Director of Collections report was given by Stephanie Lee in the absence of Pat Loven. She reported that 2020 tax statements were mailed on November 6, 2020 and collections have been steady, with a majority paying by mail, due to Covid-19. Mortgage companies have begun to pay their escrow accounts. Since the mailing of the statements, almost two (2) million dollars has been collected. Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson, the delinquent attorneys for all entities, except the City of Paris and Paris Junior College, will have a tax sale on December 1st with twenty one properties for sale. Pounders Law Firm will have a sale on January 5th, 2021 offering seventy five properties, which are all vacant lots located within the City of Paris.  
Motion: David Dunmon                      Second: Lyle Edwards                      Vote: Unanimous
8. The Chief Appraiser report was given by Stephanie Lee. She told the Board that tax statements were mailed on November 6th. She advised them that the Appraiser vacancies have been filled by Stephanie Freelen and Candi Nabors. The position for Technology/Open Record Analyst/Business Personal Property Appraiser was filled by Sue Shelton, a former employee with 13 years experience and already an Appraiser. She also asked for suggestions on Covid prevention for our busy tax season due to our small lobby area. They discussed the new rope system in the foyer and Terry Christian said the bank was considering hiring a "Social Distancing" person. Lyle Edwards said he thought this was the only other thing we could do to help keep everyone safe. The Board authorized Stephanie Lee to hire a Temporary employee to fill this spot, if she deems necessary. They allowed \$3200.00 to be spent on this position. They also advised Stephanie to put a Public

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Service announcement in The Paris News advising taxpayers of alternate ways to pay taxes in order to avoid standing in lines. Stephanie advised the Board that she will make them aware of any situations that would warrant closing the Appraisal District office, due to Covid-19 concerns.

Motion: Lyle Edwards

Second: David Dunmon

Vote: Unanimous

9. The Board discussed the Bank Depository Contracts. It was stated that it is for two years and we could roll for two years. Last year it was posted but there were no bidders. It will come up again for rebid in 2021. Also noted that change of staff at Guaranty Bond Bank was at local level only.

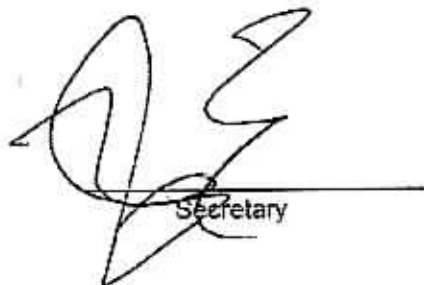
10. A closed session was not required by the Board or Chief Appraiser.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Motion: Lyle Edwards

Second: David Dunmon

Vote: Unanimous



Secretary



Chairman