

LAMAR COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022
4:00PM

Members present: Clifton Fendley, Don Biard, David Dunmon, Kenneth Kohls and Marcus Wood.

Members absent: None

LCAD Staff present: Stephanie Lee, Sue Shelton and Margie McKee.

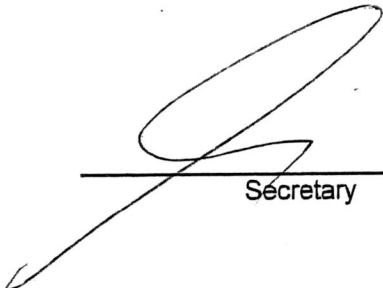
1. Meeting called to order and a quorum declared at 4:00 p.m. by Board Chairman, Clifton Fendley.
2. Public comments - None - Mary Madewell from The Paris News was present.
3. There were no public or taxing entities comments.
4. Richard Petree of Western Valuation and Consulting addressed the Board concerning the letter received from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts in reference to the invalid findings in the 2021 School District Property Value Study for Paris ISD and Prairiland ISD. He advised that LCAD has increased values to try to be in compliance, due to the housing market, values have increased greatly.

Motion: N/A

Second: N/A

Vote: N/A

5. Meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.



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Members Absent: None

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1. Meeting called to order and a quorum declared at 4:13 p.m. by Board Chairman Clifton Fendley.
2. Public comments. There were no public comments. Mary Madewell of The Paris News, was in attendance as well as Richard Petree of Western Valuation and Consulting LLC
3. Approval of minutes from August 24, 2022 meeting.

Motion: Don Biard Second: Kenneth Kohls Vote: Unanimous

4. The Board discussed and approved the purchase from Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) of a second user on ARCGIS Desktop Standard Concurrent Use Perpetual License, in order for both of the Mappers to be able to work on it at the same time.

Motion: Kenneth Kohls Second: David Dunmon Vote: Unanimous

5. The Board discussed upgrading the new metal storage building to be climate controlled, so that the Appraisal, Collection, Tax Roll books and other important documents could be stored in it, in order to open up more space inside of the office building. After discussion it was approved for the building to be insulated with spray foam insulation, but electrical and HVAC was tabled until a later date.

Motion: Kenneth Kohls Second: Clifton Fendley Vote: Unanimous

6. The Board discussed the increase in Employee insurance premiums. After discussion, the Board approved paying the same percentage as they have in the past, being 95.20%.

Motion: Clifton Fendley Second: Kenneth Kohls Vote: Unanimous

7. The District Financial report was given by Stephanie Lee. She reported that Appraisal spent 86.19% of their budget and Collections spent 94.76% for the 2021 / 2022 year.

Motion: Clifton Fendley Second: Marcus Wood Vote: Unanimous

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8. The Director of Collections report was given by Stephanie Lee in Pat Loven's absence. It was reported that at the end of our fiscal year, August 31, 2022, tax collections were as follow: Current \$77,684,182.16 Delinquent \$1,344,281.83 for a total of 79,028,463.99. The average percentage of collections for all entities was 96.23% She stated the entities are in the process of adopting their tax rates and reporting them to LCAD and that our office calculates the worksheet for adopting a tax rate for five entities.

She reported that the Collection Department is in the process of hiring a part time, seasonal, clerk to work for approximately six months to help during the busy months of collecting.

Motion: David Dunmon Second: Marcus Wood Vote: Unanimous

9. The Appraisal Department report was given by Sue Shelton, Director of Operations. She advised the National Correction of Address File has been sent to Variverge in preparation for tax statement mailing. She reported the 313 Accounts for the Solar Plants have been completed and emailed to the schools. A total of 3 in Chisum, 1 in North Lamar and 7 in Prairiland ISD, for a county wide total of 11 plants with value limitation plus 1 (Cypress Creek Renewables) with an abatement.

She advised that the imports for the mortgage companies are pending as not all files have been received and that imports from Delta and Red River Counties have been received and Fannin County is pending.

She advised that the Tax Rate Import sheet for the state has been started but unable to be completed until all values have been received and imported.

She reported that Richard Petree had held a Customer Service training, to fulfill the MAPS review requirement, that morning and that training review of the Ipads was attended in Grayson County on September 20th, 2022. She advised that Appraisal employees are set up to attend Personal Property classes in McKinney the end of November.

Motion: David Dunmon Second: Don Biard Vote: Unanimous

10. The Chief Appraiser report was given by Stephanie Lee. She advised the Board that the new storage building slab has been poured and the builder was due to start soon. She told them she made a decision to have a sidewalk poured from the back of the building around to the existing concrete in order to be able to get to the storage building in wet weather and it was less expensive to have it done when the slab was poured.

She informed the Board that she had been made aware that Tracy Pounders, delinquent tax attorney for City of Paris, Paris Junior College and City of Deport, had mailed out delinquent letters that requested taxpayers send their payments to his address, instead of LCAD.

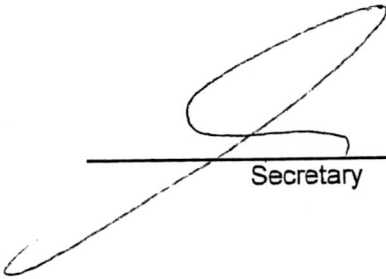
She reported that tax statements will be mailed out in October.

She discussed some salary changes due to select employees being reclassified into new positions and gave each board member a form SAS99 Interview Questionnaire to fill out and return to auditors, McClanahan & Holmes for the upcoming 2021/2022 Audit.

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11. A Closed Session was not required by the Board or Chief Appraiser.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. by Chairman, Clifton Fendley.



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