

LAMAR COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024
4:00 P.M.

Members present: Clifton Fendley, Don Biard, Kenneth Kohls and Bryan Glass

Members Absent: David Dunmon

LCAD Staff present: Stephanie Lee, Margie McKee and Pat Loven.

1 Meeting called to order and a quorum declared at 4:00 p.m. by Board Chairman Clifton Fendley.

2 Public Comments: No public comments. No one present from the public.

3 Approval of minutes from April 24, 2024 meeting.

Motion: Don Biard Second: Bryan Glass Vote: Unanimous

4 The Lamar County Appraisal Review Board 2024 Hearing Procedures were presented and accepted by the Board Members. No discussion was held.

Motion: Clifton Fendley Second: Don Biard Vote: Unanimous

5 The District Financial reports were given by Stephanie Lee. She advised that expenses for the year are in line with the budget, for this time of year.

Motion: Don Biard Second: Clifton Fendley Vote: Unanimous

6 The Director of Collections report was given by Stephanie Lee in the absence of Pat Loven. She reported the tax collections from September 1, 2023 thru May 24, 2024 were as follows: Current \$78,965,057.89 and Delinquent \$1,049,351.02 for a total of \$80,014,408.91 She advised that collections have increased after our May collection letters were mailed.

**Pat Loven entered the meeting late, but the chairman asked Stephanie Lee to continue. Stephanie reported that both the delinquent law firms were in court on May 23, 2024 and filed twenty-nine lawsuits. These properties will be up for auction at a later date, if the property owners do not attempt to pay.

Motion: Don Biard Second: Kenneth Kohls Vote: Unanimous

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7 The Chief Appraiser report was given by Stephanie Lee. She advised the office was closed on May 27th for Memorial Day and that the office will close on June 19th and July 4th for scheduled holidays.

She reported that Richard Petree, LCAD consultant, was here on May 8th to look at the Ratio Studies and made final adjustments to Land & Improvement Schedules.

She told that two different articles were published in the Paris News prior to the Appraisal notices being mailed in May.

She advised that Informal hearings are scheduled for May 16th thru June 17th and that ARB hearings will start on June 20th.

She reported that we have already received several calls, visits and protest forms in reference to property values and that the staff has been working hard to give each taxpayer the best customer service.

She advised the Board that she will be on vacation from June 22nd thru July 1st, 2024.

The Board made a decision to not hold a meeting in June nor July since there will be ARB meetings going on.

Motion: Clifton Fendley

Second: Bryan Glass

Vote: Unanimous

10 A "Closed Session" was not required by the Board or the Chief Appraiser.

11 No action needed due to no Closed Session.

12 The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Motion: Clifton Fendley

Second: Bryan Glass

Vote: Unanimous



Secretary


Chairman