THE STATE OF TEXAS§

THE COUNTY OF MILAM§

MILAM APPRAISAL DISTRICT

The Milam Appraisal District Board of Directors (BOD) convened in a regular meeting Thursday, October 22, 2020, at the Milam Appraisal District Office, 120 North Houston Street, Cameron, Texas and by Teleconference due to Covid-19.

Attending:

Board Members:
Tim Arledge
Travis Yoakum
Lisa Gerthe
Larry Patterson

Staff:
Danice Beathard, Business Manager

Others:
Teleconference: Sandra Griffin, Attorney with Perdue, Brandon, Field, Collins, & Mott LLP

Absent Board Members & Staff:
Sherry Mueck
Don Culp

Item 1. Call to Order

Having a voting quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Tim Arledge at 8:31 a.m. Invocation by Mr. Patterson, moment of silence, pledge of allegiance to U.S. Flag, and pledge of allegiance to the Texas Flag.

Item 2. Item 3. Citizen's Communication –

None

Item 3. Consent Items –

All items listed under this section, Consent Items, are considered to be routine by the Board and may be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired by the Board, any item may be removed from the Consent Items at the request of any Board Member and will be considered separately.

a. Approve minutes of September 24, 2020 regular meeting
b. Approve September Budget Reports
c. Approve ARB Quarter Change Report - Quarter 3

Mr. Patterson made a motion to approve consent items as presented, Mrs. Gerthe seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Item 4. Consider New Business –

a. Discussion and possible action to approve the 3rd Quarter Investment Report.

Mr. Patterson made a motion to approve the 3rd Quarter Investment Report, Mrs. Gerthe seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

b. Discussion and possible action to approve sealing and painting project.

Mr. Patterson made a motion to table this item until more information can be brought to the Board, Mrs. Gerthe seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Item 4c. Adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meeting Act for the discussion and possible action for the pending grievance of the Chief Appraiser and to consult with their attorney, Sandra Griffin of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott, LLP.

At 8:35 a.m. Mr. Patterson made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session, Mrs. Gerthe seconded the motion, and vote was unanimous.

Return to Open Session to discuss and possibly take action on items discussed in 551.074 Executive Session –

At 9:07 a.m. Mr. Patterson made a motion to end the Executive Session and return to Open Session, Mrs. Gerthe seconded the motion, and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson made the motion to close the complaint at the advice of their attorney and the attorney will be responding to the plaintiff, Mr. Yoakum seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Item 5. Chief Appraiser's report –

a. Reappraisal Plan –

The Chief Appraiser advised the Board we are at approximately 50% complete with our 2021 Reappraisal Plan of with plans of being 100% complete by mid-December. She also advised the Board the plans of ending contract with BIS for deed work as our employee Charla Sowders has taken on the task full time and is doing very well. She stated that sometime later she is considering bringing on a part-time employee through the Texas Workforce Commission to help during our peak time with customer service and telephones.

b. Litigation –

The Chief Appraiser advised the Board the rollback lawsuit that was pending has now been settled with all waivers signed and returned as well as tax office has mailed the property owner their refund and the only attorney fees that were incurred will be our own attorney fees meaning we will not be paying any of the plaintiff's attorney fees.

c. Board Calendar Review –

- November meeting – ***Note: moved to 3rd Thursday (11/19/2020) due to Holidays**
- Selection of ARB members to attend training in 2021
- Advise and consent to Chief Appraiser's appointment(s) of the Ag Advisory Committee
- Accept the Annual Report
- Accept the Mass Appraisal Report
- Adopt 2021 Investment Policy
- Appoint 2021 Investment Officer

- December meeting –
- Prepare for Chief Appraiser Evaluation

Mr. Patterson made a motion to approve the Chief Appraiser's Report, Mrs. Gerthe seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

NOTE: Written reports of any above listed items provided to all BOD members are considered part of the BOD's minutes as reports.

Item 6. Adjournment –

Having no further business to consider, on a motion by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Yoakum, approved by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

NOTE: Recording of the foregoing meeting on file for 90 days in the Milam Appraisal District Office, 120 North Houston Street, Cameron, Texas. The above and foregoing minutes examined and approved in open meeting this the 19th day of November 2020.

Chair of the Board

Attest:

(Member)