

**Val Verde Appraisal District
Regular Scheduled Meeting
June 18, 2020**

Present

Ramiro Guzman, Chairman
Lois Everett, Secretary
Christopher Kuechmann
Kerr Wardlaw
David Lee Torres
Fred Hernandez
Diana Salgado

Absent

Juan Gallegos, Vice-Chairman
Roy Musquiz, Ex Officio
George Wardlaw

Others Present

Chief Appraiser, Cherry T. Sheedy
Deputy Chief Appraiser, Jackie Casanova
Matthew Tepper, McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C.
Matt Wojnowski, Del Rio City Manager
Alberta Barrett , City of Del Rio Finance Office

1. Determine if a quorum is present and call the meeting to order.

This meeting was held by video conference due to following the current guidance from federal, state, city and county authorities concerning large gatherings and social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. There was a quorum with 7 out of 10 present. Mr. Juan Gallegos, Mr. Roy Musquiz and Mr. George Wardlaw was absent for this meeting. Chairman Guzman informed

those present, due to meeting by video conference, all votes will be done by roll call vote.

2. Public Comment.

There were no public comments at the time of this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. This procedure helps facilitate the meeting. One motion will approve all action items, noted as consent. These are routine matters, which are repeated on the agenda. Approval means they will be implemented as recommended by administration. Prior to acting on the consent agenda, any board member may have a consent item withdrawn from this portion of the agenda so that it may be discussed prior to action.

a. Discussion and possible action on minutes from the meeting of May 21st, 2020.

b. Discussion and possible action on financial report for May 2020.

c. Discussion and possible action on bills paid for the month of May 2020.

After review and discussion, Ms. Diane Salgado made a motion to accept the consent items as presented by staff. Mr. David Lee Torres seconded the motion. Chairman Ramiro Guzman called for the vote by roll call:

Yes

No

David Lee Torres
Diana Salgado
Christopher Kuechmann
Fred Hernandez
Kerr Wardlaw
Lois Everett
Ramiro Guzman.

Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

4. Discussion and possible action on contract with Eagle Appraisal & Consulting for 2021/2022.

Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy explained to the board members present she did not receive the contract in time to get it out to the board members for review. Ms. Sheedy stated she knows the board members like to be able to review contracts. Ms. Sheedy reminded those present Eagle Appraisal & Consulting appraises commercial properties and calculate the ag rates that are used. After a brief discussion, Ms. Diana Salgado made a motion to table this item until members can review the contract. Mr. Fred Hernandez seconded the motion. Chairman Ramiro Guzman called for the vote by roll call:

| Yes | No |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| David Lee Torres | |
| Diane Salgado | |
| Christopher Kuechmann | |
| Fred Hernandez | |
| Kerr Wardlaw | |
| Lois Everett | |
| Ramiro Guzman | |

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Chief Appraiser's Report:

- A. GIS update (Jackie Casanova, Deputy Chief).** Deputy Chief Appraiser Jackie Casanova presented the GIS update. Ms. Casanova stated the office is at 98.41% complete. Ms. Casanova went on to explain this time of year it will slow down due to the protest hearings; activity will pick back up and a change will be seen in the October report. Ms. Casanova reported we are still under 500 accounts to be mapped.
- B. Legal expense report.** Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy reported to those present, for legal expenses a total of \$7,987.78 was spent in 2018, a total of \$5,664.40 was spent in 2019 and to date in 2020, \$32,271.46 has been spent. The total expenditure to date is \$45,923.64.
- C. 2020 MAPS (Methods & Assistance Program Services).** Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy reported there is one item pending. The item is the electronic appraisal roll submission for 2020, which cannot be submitted until all the tax rates are adopted. Once the tax rates are adopted, we will send proof that we submitted it timely.

- D. Discussion on 2020 protesting hearing procedures.** Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy reported everything is going well, they are being done by telephone or by Zoom. There are some that want an in-person hearing. There are 614 in person protests that will be postponed until it is deemed safe to have the in-person hearings.
- E. Facility hail storm repair update.** Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy reported the office did have some damage after the hail storm. TML was called and they came and looked at the building. TML sent a check a check for \$7,717.99. There was damage to our drainage pipe on top of the building. Amistad Heating and Air came and repaired that for \$320.00. AAA Roofing did patching on our roof for \$850.00. We also replaced the windshield on the white F150 truck for \$200.00.
- F. Scheduling next 2021 budget workshop.** Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy, will be before our next meeting on July 16th, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Possible entry into executive session pursuant to Government Code 551.074 (to deliberate personnel matters) and 551.071 to consult with the district's attorney on the following pending litigation:

1. Rocksprings Val Verde Wind LLC. (551.074)
2. Interlocal agreement Cynthia Pimentel (551.074)

Board entered into executive session at 12:38 p.m.

7. Return to open session.

The board returned to open session at 1:30 p.m.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding interlocal agreement with the City of Del Rio (District employee calculating tax rate).

Ms. Alberta Barrett, City Finance Department answered questions from the board members, explaining she felt the time needed from the appraisal district employee would go through September. Ms. Barrett felt at the beginning they would need around

20 hours a week, but it would be less around September. This item was discussion only no action taken during this meeting.

8. Adjourn.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Ramiro Guzman adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.



Ramiro Guzman, Chairman

Val Verde Appraisal District

Board of Directors