

Val Verde Appraisal District Regular Scheduled Meeting July 16, 2020

Present

Ramiro Guzman, Chairman
Juan Gallegos, Vice-Chairman
Roy Musquiz, Ex Officio
Christopher Kuechmann
Kerr Wardlaw
David Lee Torres
Fred Hernandez
Diana Salgado

Absent

Lois Everett, Secretary
George Wardlaw

Others Present

Chief Appraiser, Cherry T. Sheedy
Deputy Chief Appraiser, Jackie Casanova

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 9 out of 10 present. Ms. Lois Everett 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 Prior to acting on the consent agenda, any board member may have a consent item withdrawn from this portion of the agenda so that it may be discussed prior to action.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 28th, 2020, June 18th, 2020 and July 1, 2020.

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

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

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

Yes	No
Kerr Wardlaw	
Fred Hernandez	
David Lee Torres	
Juan Gallegos	
Christopher Kuechmann	
Diana Salgado	
Ramiro Guzman.	

Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

After review and discussion, Mr. Christopher Kuechmann made a motion to accept the contract with Eagle Appraisal & Consulting for 2021/2022. Ms. Diana Salgado seconded the motion. Chairman Ramiro Guzman called for the vote by roll call:

Yes

No

Kerr Wardlaw
Fred Hernandez
David Lee Torres
Juan Gallegos
Christopher Kuechmann
Diana Salgado
Ramiro Guzman

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action on resolution 2020-002 to amend the 2020 budget by retaining 2019 excess funds.

Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy reminded the board members there was \$89,501.88 left over from the last year's budget. The board members had decided to retain the excess funds to put towards the district's legal expenses. Ms. Sheedy explained retaining the excess funds has to be done by an adopted resolution and then notification has to be sent to the entities. The entities will have 30 days to approve or deny the resolution. Mr. Fred Hernandez made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. David Lee Torres seconded the motion. Chairman Guzman called for the vote by roll call:

Yes

No

Kerr Wardlaw
Fred Hernandez
David Lee Torres
Juan Gallegos
Christopher Kuechmann
Diana Salgado
Ramiro Guzman

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action on resolution 2020-003 for financing agreement with Government Capital (appraisal software).

After discussion and having questions pertaining to the amortization schedule, it was decided to take a short recess while Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy try to contact Government Capital. The recess began at 12:29 p.m. and ended at 12:33 p.m. Ms. Sheedy reported she was unable to contact anyone. Mr. Fred Hernandez made a

motion to table this item until the district can speak with Government Capital about the amortization issue. Ms. Diana Salgado seconded the motion. Chairman Guzman called for the vote by roll call:

Yes

No

Kerr Wardlaw
Fred Hernandez
David Lee Torres
Juan Gallegos
Christopher Kuechmann
Diana Salgado
Ramiro Guzman

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion on health insurance premiums effective Oct. 1, 2020.

Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy reported she has reached out to the City Manager about the district joining the city's health insurance plan and saving approximately \$30,000.00 from our preliminary budget for 2021. Ms. Sheedy explained the City Manager has not heard back from TML and he will try to contact them again to see if TML has decided if the district can join with the city or not.

8. Chief Appraiser's Report:

- A. GIS update (Jackie Casanova, Deputy Chief).** Deputy Chief Appraiser Jackie Casanova presented the GIS update. Ms. Casanova stated there is not much activity and probably won't be until the October status report. The office is holding steady at 98.41% with 491 missing accounts out of 30,937 parcels.
- B. Legal expense report.** Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy reported to the board members for 2020 the district has spent \$35,237.72 for a total expenditure of \$48,889.90.
- C. 2020 MAPS (Methods & Assistance Program Services).** Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy reported this item will have no change until September.
- D. Discussion on 2020 value increases.** Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy discussed the properties in categories F and M which are houses. Ms. Sheedy explained the schedules for these classes which the board members had in their meeting packets. The schedules showed increases in values and in taxes by using the 2019 tax rates.
- E. Discussion and scheduling 2021 budget hearing and adoption date.** Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy stated the next regular board meeting is on August 20, 2020. The budget hearing will be a short public hearing on the budget before

going in to the regular meeting to adopt the budget. Also, there will be a public hearing on the reappraisal plan for 2021/2022.

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. (551.071)

Board entered into executive session at 12:50 p.m.

9. Return to open session.

The board returned to open session at 12:58 p.m.

10. Adjourn.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Ramiro Guzman adjourned the meeting e meeting at 1:01 p.m.



Ramiro Guzman, Chairman

Val Verde Appraisal District

Board of Directors