

**Val Verde Appraisal District  
Regular Scheduled Meeting  
August 17, 2017**

**Present**

Ramiro Guzman, Chairman  
Raymond Meza, Vice Chairman  
Bea Munoz  
Juan Gallegos  
Lucas Gilliam  
Pam Smith  
David Lee Torres

**Absent**

Lois Everett, Secretary  
Gilbert Mercado  
Bobby Lopez

**Others Present**

Chief Appraiser, Cherry T. Sheedy  
Deputy Chief Appraiser, Jackie Casanova  
Lori Venegas, City of Del Rio Tax Assessor/Collector  
Erica Gonzalez, Edward Jones

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. There was a quorum present with 7 out of 10 present. Ms. Lois Everett, Mr. Gilbert Mercado and Mr. Bobby Lopez were absent for this meeting.

**2. Pledge of allegiance.**

Those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Public Comments.**

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

4. 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 Prior to acting on the consent agenda, any board member may have a consent item withdrawn from this portion of the agenda so that it may be discussed prior to action.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 April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

**b. Discussion and possible action on financial report for May, June and July 2017.**

**c. Discussion and possible action on bills paid for the month of May, June and July 2017.**

Mr. Juan Gallegos made a motion to accept the consent items as presented by staff. Mr. Lucas Gilliam seconded the motion. Chairman Ramiro Guzman called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

5. **Discussion and possible action on retirement account changes.**

Ms. Erica Gonzalez with Edward Jones gave a presentation to the board concerning the district's retirement accounts changing from Lord Abbott. Ms. Gonzalez presented two different proposals, one from John Hancock and the other from Principle. After all information was presented, Mr. Juan Gallegos made a motion to change the retirement accounts to the John Hancock plan, which has the lowest cost. Mr. David Lee Torres seconded the motion. Chairman Ramiro Guzman called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Discussion and possible action on spending district generated funds.**

Chief Appraiser, Cherry Sheedy discussed with the board members the possibility of purchasing work boots for the appraisers and new shirts for all employees using the district generated funds. Ms. Sheedy explained this year is the county reappraisal year so the appraisers will be in rough terrain. Mr. Lucas Gilliam made a motion to approve the expense of purchasing work boots and shirts with added guidelines as the Chief Appraiser sees fit. Mr. David Lee Torres seconded the motion. Chairman Ramiro Guzman called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Discussion and possible action on items sold and not sold at district auction.**

Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy reported to the board which items sold at the silent auction and which items did not. Ms. Sheedy also reported the items sold for a total of \$142.00. Mr. Lucas made a motion to approve the sold items and approve the disposal of unsold items. Mr. Juan Gallegos seconded the motion. Chairman Ramiro Guzman called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Discussion and possible action on 2018/2019 appraisal contract with Thomas Y. Pickett & Co.**

Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy reminded the board of the meeting with the CEO of Thomas Y Pickett & Co. and the amounts discussed at that meeting. Mr. Lucas Gilliam made a motion to accept Thomas Y. Pickett & Co.'s bid. Mr. Raymond Meza seconded the motion. Chairman Ramiro Guzman called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Discussion on excess funds from 2016 financial audit.**

Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy reported the excess funds from the 2016 audit totaled \$44,626.66. Mr. Lucas Gilliam made a motion to return funds to the entities in the form of a check as soon as possible. Ms. Pam Smith seconded the motion. Chairman Ramiro Guzman called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Discussion and possible action on meetings dates and times for the director meetings.**

The board members in attendance discussed holding the director meetings each month or changing to meeting quarterly. Mr. Lucas Gilliam made a motion to move directors meetings to be held on the second month of each quarter on the third Thursday of said month. Mr. David Lee Torres seconded the motion. Chairman Ramiro Guzman called for the vote. Six members voted in favor. One member opposed.

In Favor

Bea Munoz

Raymond Meza

Lucas Gilliam

Pam Smith

David Lee Torres

Ramiro Guzman

Opposed

Juan Gallegos

**11. Chief Appraiser's Report:**

- A. GIS update (Jackie Casanova, Deputy Chief).** Deputy Chief Appraiser Jackie Casanova presented the GIS update. Ms. Casanova reported the percent mapped of taxable value after completion of pending work is 99.07%.
- B. 2017 Certified Values.** Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy reported to the board the increases and decreases of taxable value to each taxing entity. Ms. Sheedy explained the decreases are typically due to an agriculture exemption, wildlife exemption, disabled veteran homestead exemption, other exemptions, businesses closing or property value decrease.
- C. 2018 adopted budget update.** No discussion on the adopted budget update.
- D. 2018 appraisal process update.** Chief Appraiser, Cherry Sheedy stated the appraisers are in the field checking properties. Ms. Sheedy advised the board 2018 is a county reappraisal year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Possible entry into executive session pursuant to Government Code 551.074 (to deliberate personnel matters) and 551.071 (to conduct private consultation with the District's attorney.)

Board entered into executive at 12:57 p.m.

**12. Return to open session.**

Board returned to open session at 1:04 p.m.

**13. Adjourn.**

With no further business to discuss Mr. Lucas Gilliam made a motion to adjourn at 1:05 p.m. Mr. Raymond Meza seconded the motion. Chairman Ramiro Guzman called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.



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Ramiro Guzman, Chairman

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