

Val Verde Appraisal District Regular Scheduled Meeting December 12, 2019

Present

Ramiro Guzman, Chairman
Pam Smith, Vice Chairperson
Roy Musquiz, Jr.
Juan Gallegos
Rusty Sewalt
Fred Hernandez, Jr.
Diana Salgado

Absent

Lois Everett, Secretary
Christopher Kuechmann
David Lee Torres

Others Present

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. There was a quorum present with 7 out of 10 present.

2. Oath of office ex-officio member Roy Musquiz, Jr.

The new ex-officio board member, Mr. Roy Musquiz, Jr. recited the Oath of Office and the Statement of Elected Appointed Officer.

3. Pledge of allegiance.

Those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

4. Public Comment.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

5. Recognition of former board members Pam Smith and Rusty Sewalt.

Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy told those present Ms. Smith has been on the Board of Directors since 2015. Ms. Sheedy then presented a plaque of recognition to Ms. Pam Smith thanking her for her years of service to the Val Verde Appraisal District Board of Directors and the citizens of Val Verde County. Ms. Sheedy then recognized Mr. Rusty Sewalt. Ms. Sheedy stated he had been on the Board of Directors for 2 years and then thanked him for his service to the board and the citizens of Val Verde County.

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.

The board entered into executive session at 12:04 p.m.

11. Return to open session.

The board returned to open session at 12:18 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. 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 Prior to acting on the consent agenda, any board member may have a consent item withdrawn from this portion of the agenda so that it may be discussed prior to action.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 November 21, 2019.

b. Discussion and possible action on financial report for November 2019.

c. Discussion and possible action on bills paid for the month of November 2019.

Mr. Fred Hernandez, Jr. made a motion to accept the consent items as presented by staff. Ms. Diana Salgado seconded the motion. Chairman Ramiro Guzman called for the vote. Motion carried with 5 voting for and 1 member temporarily stepped out of the meeting during this item.

For

Ramiro Guzman

Pam Smith

Rusty Sewalt

Fred Hernandez, Jr.

Diana Salgado

No vote

Juan Gallegos

OTHER BUSINESS

7. Chief Appraiser's Report:

- A. GIS update (Jackie Casanova, Deputy Chief).** Deputy Chief Appraiser Jackie Casanova presented the GIS update. Ms. Casanova reported there has been some growth to 97.42% mapped at the end of November. Ms. Casanova explained they are still processing through December and the final percentage for the year will be reported in January.
- B. Legal expense report.** Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy reported there has been no billing on the litigation. The total to date is still at \$12,975.93.
- C. 2020 appraisal status.** Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy reported we are still progressing; still a little ahead of schedule. The appraisers are out in the field.
- D. 2018 MAPS (Methods & Assistance Program Services) update.** Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy stated there has not been any recent response from the reviewer. The last thing that was requested was a list of "Ag" properties, from which a random selection will be made to check documentation.
- E. 2020 MAPS (Methods & Assistance Program Services).** Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy reported the office will have the same assigned reviewer, Ms. Angelica Villarreal that is doing the 2018 MAPS review, conduct the 2020 MAPS review. She will be in the office in May to begin the on-sight check.
- F. 2019 Property Value Study.** Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy stated we will be working with state appraisers Mr. John Dennis and Ms. Ellie Sanchez. Ms. Sanchez has already been here to check rural properties; Art took her to the properties. Ms. Ellie inspected 5 rural properties. They will be requesting appraisal cards and any confirmed sales information. Ms. Sheedy continued to explain normally the office will get results of the value study at the end of January.

G. Discussion Americans with Disabilities Act requirements that we should look at making to our office. This item was discussion only.

8. Discussion and possible action appointing Appraisal Review Board members for 2020/2021 Term, including the appointment of the Appraisal Review Board Chairperson and secretary.

Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy asked the board members if anyone had any names for the Appraisal Review Board. After discussion, Ms. Diana Salgado made a motion to name Ms. Otila Gonzalez, Mr. Javier Esquivel and Mr. Rene Garza to be members of the Appraisal Review Board. Mr. Fred Hernandez, Jr. seconded the motion. Chairman Ramiro Guzman called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Ms. Diana Salgado made a motion to appoint Mr. Robert (Bob) Clubb to act as Chairman and Ms. Otila Gonzalez to act as Secretary of the Appraisal Review Board. Ms. Pam Smith seconded the motion. Chairman Ramiro Guzman called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible action on late penalty for Rocksprings ISD late payment last quarter.


Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy explained to the board members the Rocksprings ISD made their payment late by one day. It was discussed there is no history of Rocksprings ISD being late with their payment. Juan Gallegos made a motion to waive the late penalty for Rocksprings ISD. Mr. Rusty Sewalt seconded the motion. Chairman Ramiro Guzman called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible action approving annual expenditure of Appraisal District generated funds for the office Christmas party and shirts, vests and jackets for staff.

Chief Appraiser Cherry Sheedy explained to those in attendance that Val Verde CAD has a miscellaneous reserve line item that is comprised of self-generated fees. The Board of Directors had previously directed the Chief Appraiser to utilize this fund for employee appreciation and report back after each expenditure. Chief Appraiser reported two expenses for the year as follows: \$1,816.00 for shirts, vest and jacket for each employee and \$589.68 to cover the Christmas luncheon.

12 Adjourn.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Juan Gallegos made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:46 p.m. Ms. Diana Salgado seconded the motion. Chairman Ramiro Guzman called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.



Ramiro Guzman, Chairman
Val Verde Appraisal District
Board of Directors