



## REGULAR MEETING

May 18, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Appraisal District met in Regular Session on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 1:10 pm. The meeting took place at the district's office at 9157 IH 10, East, Orange, Texas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Parish, Karen Fisher, Philip Welch  
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Suzonne Crockett, Tim Andrews  
CHIEF APPRAISER: Scott W. Overton  
ATTORNEY: Not Present  
VISITORS: None

### **ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Karen Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Scott Overton led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments

#### **III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chief Appraisers Evaluation began at 1:03 p.m. and concluded at 1:31 p.m. The Regular meeting proceeded directly after the executive session.

#### **IV. REPORT AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**

##### **1. Discuss and / or Approve the 2023 Appraisal Review Board Procedures**

Philip Welch made a motion to approve the 2023 ARB Procedures. Dale Parish seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

##### **2. Discuss and / or Approve Supplements/25.25(b) Corrections to the Tax Roll**

Dale Parish made a motion to approve the supplements/25.25(b) corrections to the tax roll. Philip Welch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

##### **3. Discuss and / or Approve the Minutes for March 14, 2023 Regular Meeting.**

Philip Welch made a motion to approve the Minutes for March 14, 2023 Regular Meetings. Dale Parish seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Discuss and / or Approve the March and April 2023 Bills for the Appraisal District.

Philip Welch made a motion to approve the March and April 2023 Bills for the Appraisal District. Dale Parish seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. Discuss and / or Approve the Year to Date Investments for the Appraisal District.

Philip Welch made a motion to approve the Year to Date Investments. Dale Parish seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9. Discuss and / or Approve the Year to Date 2023 Financial Reports.

Dale Parish made a motion to approve the Year to Date 2023 Financial Reports. Philip Welch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**V. REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Philip Welch reported his appreciation for being nominated for the 2022 Budget Committee.

**VI. REPORT OF CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

No Report

**VII. REPORT OF ATTORNEY**

No attorney present.

**VIII. REPORT OF CHIEF APPRAISER**

1. We are fast approaching our protest deadline for 2023. All real properties deadline is May 31, 2023. Personal Property notices will go out in the mail next week. They will have 30 days from the date we mail them to protest. So far there have been approximately 750 protests filed with a little over 400 coming through the online portal. This does not include the amount that has come in the mail that we have not gotten processed this year.
2. I talked to our attorney about the one-time payment to retirees. He talked to an employment lawyer that we have used in the past and she did not have any employment law-based concerns. However, David's concerns are how it would look giving away taxpayer funds to people that are no longer employed by the district. It would be like a bonus. But to make matters worse, it is my opinion that we need to hold off on any decisions that pertain to the retirement system because there is a bill in the legislature right now that will significantly affect our retirement contributions. SB 1446 has been filed and has passed the Senate and is in the House. This bill if passed will increase employer costs. We are being told that it could double our costs as an office.
3. Based on the different bills that have been filed, if they get passed, we will have to add more staff. I'm not sure where we will put them, but it is going to require more help for sure. One bill that has passed both the House and Senate and is waiting on the governor's signature will require us to have another online database which will essentially be a third website that we will have to buy that will track all ARB rulings and which ARB members sat on the panel for that

particular hearing. This is going to be a nightmare to track and update within the timeframes they are wanting everything updated.

4. We are still waiting to hear about our PVS Appeals. So far, the only one we have heard anything on was West Orange and the attorneys said that the Comptroller's Office did not budge much. They have requested an Informal Hearing with them which will take place in June. I hope to be a part of that meeting to discuss our concerns.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Karen Fisher adjourned the meeting at 1:53 pm.

### **APPROVAL:**

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Tim Andrews, Chair of the Board

### **ATTESTED:**

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Suzonne Crockett, Secretary of the Board