



REGULAR MEETING

March 12, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Appraisal District met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 1:00 pm. The meeting took place at the district's office at 9157 IH 10, East, Orange, Texas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Philip Welch, Dale Parish, Andrew Haeggquist, Wayne Sparrow

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Fisher

CHIEF APPRAISER: Scott W. Overton

ATTORNEY: Not present

VISITORS: Essence Becker -REMAX One, Scot Shaffer – Good Steward Insurance Group, Mallory Ramirez – Mallory Ramirez Agency, Chelsea Skinner – REMAX One, Cheri Kelly – REMAX One, Christa Wofford – Mitchell Fontenote CPA Inc.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Philip Welch called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Scott Overton led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegence.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Essence Becker voiced her concerns regarding the District removing the year built and square footage off the Orange County Appraisal District website.

III. REPORT AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss and/or Approve the 2023 Financial Audit Report

Christa Wofford with Mithcell T Fontenote, CPA presented the 2023 Financial Audit Report. Dale Parish made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Andrew Haeggquist. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discuss Final MAP Audit Results

Scott Overton presented the final report for the 2023 Methods and Assistance Program audit. The District passed in all catefories for a perfect score of 100%. No motion necessary.

3. Discuss the 2022 School District Property Value Study Invalid Findings

Scott Overton explained that Bridge City ISD has officially been found out of compliance in the 2022 Property Value Study done by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. No motion necessary.

4. Discuss and/or Approve Cancelling the 2024 Special Election for Three (3) Additional Board of Directors Members

Dale Parish made the motion to Cancel the 2024 special election for three additional board of directors members due to no applicants. Andrew Haeggquist seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The board of directors will now be responsible for adding the three additional members.

5. Discuss and/or Approve a Date for the 2025 Budget Workshop

Wayne Sparrow made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget Workshop date as May 14th. Dale Parish seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Discuss and/or Appoint a Committee of Two (2) Board Members to Assist in the Budget Preparation

Philip Welch made a motion to appoint board members Andrew Haeggquist and Wayne Sparrow to assist in the 2025 budget preparation, seconded by Dale Parish. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discuss and/or Amend the Districts 2024 Holiday Schedule

Dale Parish made a motion to approve the 2024 amend the districts 2024 Holiday Schedule to add Columbus Day, October 14th and an extra day at Christmas on Monday, December 23rd. Wayne Sparrow seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. Discuss and/or Approve Re-appointing Mr. James Sears to the Appraisal Review Board

Dale Parish made a motion to approve re-appointing Mr. James Sears to the Appraisal Review Board. Andrew Haeggquist seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9. Discuss and/or Approve Resolution Authorizing Participation in the TexPool Investment Pools and Designating Authorized Representatives

Andrew Haeggquist made a motion to approve the resolution to participate in the TexPool Investment Pool and designating authorized representative to Scott Overton, Tahia Washington and Dale Parish with Lauren Royal as an account viewer only. Wayne Sparrow seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

10. Discuss and/or Approve the Minutes for Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Public Meeting.

Dale Parish made a motion to approve the Minutes for Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Public Meeting. Wayne Sparrow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Discuss and/or Approve the Minutes for Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Dale Parish made a motion to approve the Minutes for Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting. Wayne Sparrow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Review the Supplements to the Tax Roll.

Mr. Overton explained to the board that the supplements that have been made since the last meeting are available for review.

13. Discuss and/or Approve the January, and February 2024 Bills for the Appraisal District.

Dale Parish made a motion to approve the bills as paid. Andrew Haeggquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Andrew Haeggquist made a motion to approve the Year to Date Investments. Wayne Sparrow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Discuss and/or Approve the Year to Date Financial Statements.

Dale Parish made a motion to approve the Year to Date Financial Statements. Andrew Haeggquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS

Wayne Sparrow requested the District try and get the information presented at the TAAD conference. Dale Parish thanks Scott Overton for speaking at the Lower Sabine Neches Local Work Group Listening Session on March 5, 2024.

V. REPORT OF ATTORNEY

No attorney present.

VI. REPORT OF CHIEF APPRAISER

1. Tahia, Jodi, Mr. Parish, Mrs. Fisher and I attended the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts annual conference last month. It was a really good conference with lots of great topics and discussions.
2. Since our last meeting we have gotten 25 lawsuits either settled or non-suited.
3. Appraisal Notices should be mailed by April 11th and the protest deadline will be May 15th.
4. The last two SOAH hearings on our 2022 Property Value Study Appeal is scheduled in April and those are for LCM and Vidor school districts. We lost the appeal on West Orange and Bridge City. We won the appeal on Orangefield.
5. On Friday we removed the year-built and square footage off of our website. This data is still available, we are just asking that it be either requested through our

info@orangecad.net email address or they can come in and utilize our public terminal that we have set up for them to do their research. I just want to make it clear that we are in no way denying access to the information. In the middle of February, we were made aware that we would no longer be able to purchase sales data through Transunion because their local source of data in our area decided to no longer supply them with that data. This is making it very difficult for us to stay in compliance with the state through our Property Value Study Audit. As you can see by the letter from the state that we submitted to you earlier. We have had several school districts lose some state funding because we fell out of compliance. Although Texas is a non-mandatory disclosure state that doesn't mean that we can obtain sales data. That just means that a buyer or seller is not required to disclose their sale. There are other appraisal districts in the state that still have access to mls data and some that are even members of their local mls group. Orange CAD used to be a member of our local mls but we were removed several years ago. It is my understanding that Jefferson Central Appraisal District has lost access to the sales data as well and they are adjusting their website also. Our hope through this is that we will be able to meet with the local realtor group to see if there is a solution, so that we can supply the information they need, and we would be able to obtain the sales information that we need. We want to work together.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Dale Parish made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:04 pm. Wayne Sparrow seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVAL:

Karen Fisher, Chair of the Board

ATTESTED:

Dale Parish, Secretary of the Board