



REGULAR MEETING

January 9, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Appraisal District met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 1:05 pm. The meeting took place at the district's office at 9157 IH 10, East, Orange, Texas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Fisher, Andy Haeggquist, Dale Parish, Wayne Sparrow, Philip Welch

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CHIEF APPRAISER: Scott W. Overton

ATTORNEY: Not present

VISITORS: Shannon Evans, P&A

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Karen Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Scott Overton led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shannon Evans from P&A introduced himself and let the board know that what role Pritchard & Abbott plays in the appraisal district and to feel free to reach out to them if they ever have any questions or concerns.

III. REPORT AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

1. Board Members Oath of Office

Lauren Royal, Notary Public administered the Oath of Office and Statement of Officer to the Board of Director Members.

2. Election of Officers

Philip Welch made a motion for Karen Fisher to be elected as Chair, seconded by Dale Parish. Motion passed unanimously.

Dale Parish made a motion for Philip Welch to be elected as Vice Chair, seconded by Karen Fisher. Motion passed unanimously.

Karen Fisher made a motion for Dale Parish to be elected as Secretary, seconded by Wayne Sparrow. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discuss and/or Approve Ordering the Election for Three (3)

Additional Board of Directors Members to be Elected in the May 2024 General Election per SB 2

Philip Welch made a motion to order the election for three additional board of directors' members to be elected in the May 2024 general election per Senate Bill 2. Dale Parish seconded the motion, it passed unanimously.

4. Discuss and/or Approve Transferring Funds to a Certificate of Deposit at First Financial Bank

Dale Parish made a motion to transfer 1,000,000 to a 6-month CD at First Financial Bank. Wayne Sparrow seconded the motion, it passed unanimously.

5. Discuss Re-Appointment of One (3) Agricultural Advisory Board Members by Chief Appraiser

Mr. Overton stated that he has re-appointed Dan Harris, Morgan Michael, and James Bradley Schrieber to the Agricultural Advisory Board for a new term. No motion necessary.

6. Discuss and/or Award Bid for One (1) New Automobiles for the District

Philip Welch made the motion, seconded by Dale Parish to accept the bid from Granger Chevrolet for a 2024 Chevrolet Trax for \$27,135.63. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Discuss and/or Approve By Resolution Expanding the Appraisal Review Board to Six (6) Members

After discussion with Scott Overton regarding the limited amount of ARB member applications received, Dale Parish made a motion to deny expanding the appraisal review board to six members until we have more members applications. Karen Fisher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. Discuss and/or Approve Applicants to Fill Two (2) Open Positions on the Appraisal Review Board for 2024-2025

After reviewing the only application received, Philip Welch made a motion to approve Nick Lagusis to one of the open positions on the appraisal review board. Karen Fisher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9. Discuss and/or Approve Applicants to Fill One (1) Open Alternate Positions on the Appraisal Review Board for 2024-2025

There were no applications filled to fill one open alternate position on the appraisal review board for 2024-2025, Philip Welch made a motion to deny this action item until the district receives applicants. Dale Parish seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

10. 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 printed and on the desk for their review.

11. Discuss and/or Approve the Minutes for Tuesday, November 14, 2023 Regular Meeting.

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

12. Discuss and/or Approve the November and December 2023 Bills for the Appraisal District.

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

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

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

14. Discuss and/or Approve the End of Year 2023 Financial Reports.

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

IV. REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS

Dale Parish, Philip Welch and Karen Fisher all welcomed Andy Haeggquist and Wayne Sparrow to the board.

V. REPORT OF ATTORNEY

No attorney present.

VI. REPORT OF CHIEF APPRAISER

1. We need the ones of you that are going to the TAAD Conference next month with us to fill out the registration forms before you leave today.
2. Since the attorney is not here today, I will give you a quick overview of what is out there pending. We have 25 active lawsuits for 2023, 20 for 2022, 5 for 2021 and 2 for 2020. Several of the lawsuits are included in each year, they just amend their petition to include the current year. Most of them are hotels, shopping centers and apartments but we do have one industrial lawsuit.
3. We have a settlement conference scheduled in March on the industrial lawsuit. We will keep everyone informed as we go through the process, but we are very far apart on the opinion of value.
4. Tahia, Jodi and I attended the annual Users Meeting for our CAMA software. We all came out of the meeting concerned about the state of the software. Even some of the larger counties were a little frustrated. They informed us that within the next couple of years we will be forced to make a conversion within the company. They will be converting us to a cloud-based platform. It will also cost us double what we are paying now for our annual maintenance. I'm telling you this because we may have to start relooking at the other companies that are out there. We are going to set up some meetings with CAD's that use the other software's to find out the pros and cons of each one.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Parish made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 pm. Mr. Welch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVAL:

Karen Fisher, Chair of the Board

ATTESTED:

Dale Parish, Secretary of the Board