



## REGULAR MEETING

May 13, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Appraisal District met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 1:00 pm. The meeting took place at the district's office at 9157 IH 10, East, Orange, Texas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Ronnie Crockett, Octavia Guzman, Andrew Haeggquist, Deven Michael Dale Parish, Philip Welch
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	Karen Fisher, Cullin Smith, Wayne Sparrow
CHIEF APPRAISER:	Scott W. Overton
ATTORNEY:	Present by Video Conference
VISITORS:	None

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

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

Philip Welch called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Ronnie Crockett led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

No public comments.

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

##### **1. Discuss and / or Approve the 2026-2029 Pritchard & Abbott MIUP Contract.**

Chris Palermo presented the new contract. Dale Parish made a motion to approve the Pritchard & Abbott MIUP Contract for 2026-2029. Octavia Guzman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

##### **2. Discuss and / or Approve the District Requesting Proposals for new CAMA Software.**

Ronnie Crockett made a motion to approve the district to request CAMA Software proposals. Andrew Haeggquist seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**3. Discuss and / or Elect officers for the Appraisal Review Board.**

Octavia Guzman made a motion to elect Michael Johnson as Chair and Rose Court as Secretary of the Appraisal Review Board. Andrew Haeggquist seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**4. Discuss and / or Approve the 2025 Appraisal Review Board Procedures.**

Dale Parish made a motion to approve the 2025 ARB Procedures. Ronnie Crockett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**5. Discuss and / or Approve the Minutes for March 11, 2025 Regular Meeting.**

Dale Parish made a motion to approve the Minutes for March 11, 2025 Regular Meeting. Octavia Guzman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**6. Discuss and / or Approve the Minutes for April 16, 2025 Called Meeting.**

Ronnie Crockett made a motion to approve the Minutes for April 16, 2025 Called Meeting. Dale Parish seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**7. Discuss and / or Approve the March and April 2025 Bills for the Appraisal District.**

Dale Parish made a motion to approve the March and April 2025 Bills for the Appraisal District. Ronnie Crockett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Octavia Guzman made a motion to approve the Year to Date Investments. Andrew Haeggquist seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**9. Discuss and / or Approve the Year to Date 2025 Financial Reports.**

Andrew Haeggquist made a motion to approve the Year to Date 2025 Financial Reports. Ronnie Crockett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**IV. **EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Section 551.074****

Chief Appraisers Evaluation began at 1:28 p.m. and concluded at 2:24 p.m. The Regular meeting proceeded directly after the executive session.

**V. **REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS****

The Board is hoping for Scott Overton to get well soon.

**VI. **REPORT OF ATTORNEY****

The attorney reported that the district has 26 active lawsuits. He anticipates the majority of those will be resolved in 2025.

**VII.****REPORT OF CHIEF APPRAISER**

1. Appeal season is in full swing, as of right now we have a total of 799 protest have been processed. Of the 799 total protest, 321 are Formal Protest of which 1 has been settled. The other 320 are scheduled for the ARB. That leaves 478 to be handled Informally. No Action has been taken on 268 of them, which means it was just an inquiry, and an explanation was given, and the taxpayer was good. 130 of them were settled informally. So, as you can see things are going good and numbers are down from last year. The deadline is Thursday the 15th. And we did do what was recommended and we sent notices to everyone that their taxable value changed. That way if the market value stayed the same but the homestead cap changed which changes the taxable value then they would have gotten a notice.
2. We have a settlement conference coming up in June with some of the lawsuits that I will be working with David on.
3. Update on my health. I have completed the Bone Marrow Transplant/Stem Cell Therapy. I got released from the hospital last Thursday and transferred to a hotel right here in the medical center. I had to remain close due to the distance that I live from the med center, and they were concerned about side effects/infections. I had a doctor's appointment yesterday and my numbers look great!! The numbers are trending just as they are hoping. I will have another checkup on Thursday morning as well as next Monday to run the numbers again. I am hoping after the Monday appointment that if the numbers are still where they want them, then I will be able to go home. Either way just so that y'all know from a work standpoint, with the exception of a few days after the actual transplant in the hospital, I have been available to everyone, and I have worked throughout the process. I have had conversations through my hospital stay with the County Judge, Commissioner Sowell, Octavia as well as some of the superintendents, business managers and the City of Bridge City. As I told y'all in the last meeting, the process is a three-month process in which I will be working from home through the process which will be through the middle of July. With the way our phones work, if someone calls my office phone it will ring on my cell phone as well as on my desk at the house for me to answer. So, I'm not missing any phone calls. I am also keeping a work log so that when I get back in July, we will be able to make sure that everything equals out. I have calculated the total hours between April 21st and my return date in July along with any PTO so that it will be calculated out as the hours are worked. This log will always be available for you if you are interested in looking at it. Just let me know and I will be more than happy to share it with you at any time. I just want to reiterate how much I appreciate the support that y'all have given. It means a lot that some of you have reached out and checked on me.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Philip Welch adjourned the meeting at 2:37 pm.

**APPROVAL:**

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Philip Welch, Chair of the Board

**ATTESTED:**

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Dale Parish, Secretary of the Board