



REGULAR MEETING

July 8, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Appraisal District met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 1:10 pm. The meeting took place at the district's office at 9157 IH 10, East, Orange, Texas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronnie Crockett, Karen Fisher, Octavia Guzman, Deven Michael, Dale Parish, Cullin Smith, Wayne Sparrow, Philip Welch

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Andrew Haeggquist

CHIEF APPRAISER:

Scott W. Overton

ATTORNEY:

Present by Video Conference

VISITORS:

Manuel Araujo, Kelly Brewer, Wendy Grams, Danny Runco

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Karen Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:05 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 2026 Proposed Budget

Philip Welch made a motion to approve the 2026 Proposed Budget for the Appraisal District in the amount of \$2,698,163 as presented. Ronnie Crockett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Discuss and/or Approve New CAMA Software

Four CAMA companies (Catalis, GSA, Harris Govern, & True Prodigy) provided their RFP's and were presented to the board. Philip Welch made a motion to have a scoring matrix break down of each software presented so that a decision could be made at the September meeting. Dale Parish seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Discuss and/or Approve the May and June 2025 Bills for the Appraisal District.

Dale Parish made a motion to approve the May and June 2025 Bills for the Appraisal District. Deven Michael seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. Discuss and/or Approve the Minutes for May 13, 2025 Regular Meeting

Cullin Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes for May 13, 2025 Regular Meeting. Philip Welch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Discuss and/or Approve the Minutes for May 13, 2025 Budget Workshop

Philip Welch made a motion to approve the Minutes for May 13, 2025 Budget Workshop. Ronnie Crockett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. 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 for the Appraisal District. Ronnie Crockett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Wayne Sparrow made a motion to approve the Year to Date 2025 Financial Reports. Philip Welch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS

Octavia Guzman asked to keep the certification process for our offices in our prayers.

Wayne Sparrow commented on the CAMA software proposals presented saying that he thinks it is good to have more feedback and information before making a final decision for the District.

V. REPORT OF CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Karen Fisher asked to keep Kerr County families and victims in our prayers.

VI. REPORT OF ATTORNEY

Mr. David Tabor reported that active lawsuits have gone down to 11 from the 26 previously reported.

VII. REPORT OF CHIEF APPRAISER

May Update:

1. Following our May Board of Directors Meeting we sent the 2026 Preliminary Budget to all the entities as required by the Property Tax Code.
2. All Business Personal Property Notice of Appraised Values were mailed Friday, May 23, 2025.

3. As of May 29th, there have been a total of 2303 formal protest filed for the year 2025. Last year we had a total of 3335 total formal protests filed. The real property deadline has passed, however, the deadline for business personal property is June 26, 2025. Even with the June 26th deadline for personal property we should end the year well below last year's total protests. ARB hearings have been going well, and our appraisers are working hard to contact each person that has protested and requested an informal hearing. They will contact them and talk to them about their concerns and see if they can work out their issues prior to an ARB hearing.
4. We have a Settlement Conference set for June 11, 2025, where we will discuss eleven 2024 lawsuits represented by the Frazier/McClelland Law Firm.

June Update:

5. We received a check from Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission for our aerial photography. The grant was in the amount of \$30,000, which almost covered the entire amount that we had to pay this year. Our annual amount is \$37,252.
6. TML(our health insurance provider) has been asking me to provide some information regarding my current working arrangements due to my illness. They are auditing their records due to the type of claims being filed. I have provided them with all the information that they have requested including my worklog. They have not come back with any other concerns.
7. At our June 11th lawsuit settlement conference, we settled 13 out of 14 lawsuits. Ten of those were 2024 lawsuits and three were from prior years. These lawsuits were all by one agent and through negotiations with the agent and their lawyer we were able to get them worked out.
8. ARB meetings are still going well. We have had to add a couple of days in July to get them all in. Our last hearing is July 17th, and then we will start the certification process. We hope to be certified around the 23rd but certainly by the 25th.

ADJOURNMENT

Cullen Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:16 pm. Philip Welch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL:

Karen Fisher, Chair of the Board

ATTESTED:

Dale Parish, Secretary of the Board