



REGULAR MEETING

January 13, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Appraisal District met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 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, Karen Fisher, Octavia Guzman, Andrew Haeggquist, Deven Michael, Dale Parish, Cullin Smith, Wayne Sparrow, Philip Welch

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CHIEF APPRAISER: Scott W. Overton

ATTORNEY: Present by Video Conference

VISITORS: None

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Karen Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Ronnie Crockett led the invocation and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

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, Karen Fisher, Deven Michael, and Philip Welch.

2. Election of Officers

A unanimous decision was made by all members to keep the same officers. Karen Fisher was reelected as Chair, Philip Welch as Vice Chair, and Dale Parish as Secretary.

3. Discuss and/or Approve One (1) New Position on the Appraisal Review Board for 2026-2027

Cullin Smith made a motion to select Kelly Brewer as the new Appraisal Review Board Member. Deven Michael seconded the motion, it passed unanimously.

4. Discuss and/or Approve Paying Innovative Air Solutions \$78,443.29 out of the Building Renewal Reserves Account for Previously Discussed and Approved AC and Duct Work
Philip Welch made a motion to approve the payment to come out of Building Renewal Reserves. Andrew Haeggquist seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
5. Discuss and/or Award Bid for One (1) New Automobiles for the District
Cullin Smith made a motion to accept the bid from Granger Chevrolet for a 2026 Chevrolet Trax. Philip Welch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
6. Discuss and/or Award Bid for Audit Firm for 2026 Financial Audit
The Districts engagement letter from 2025 extends through 2026 with Mitchell Fontenot. We will go out for bids in 2027. No motion necessary.
7. Discuss and/or Approve Minutes of Tuesday, November 18, 2025, Regular Meeting
Cullin Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes for Tuesday, November 18, 2025, Regular Meeting. Philip Welch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
8. Discuss and/or Approve Minutes of Tuesday, December 9, 2025, Called Meeting
Cullin Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes for Tuesday, December 9, 2025, Called Meeting. Andrew Haeggquist seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
9. Discuss and/or Approve the November & December 2025 Bills for the Appraisal District
Dale Parish made a motion to approve the November & December 2025 Bills. Wayne Sparrow seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
10. Discuss and/or Approve the Year-to-Date Investments for the Appraisal District
Cullin Smith made a motion to approve the Year-to-Date Investments. Philip Welch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
11. Discuss and/or Approve the End of Year 2025 Financial Reports
Cullin Smith made a motion to approve the End of Year 2025 Financial Reports. Deven Michael seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS

Karen Fisher welcomed Deven Michael back to the board position.

Octavia reported that the tax office is nearing the end of tax season and that it is going well.

V. REPORT OF ATTORNEY

David Tabor presented a lawsuit update via video call. There are 27 active litigations, and 3 are pending settlements.

VI. REPORT OF CHIEF APPRAISER

1. Mr. Welch asked me to give an update on what kind of budget impact the new software will have over the next couple of years in regard to reserves. The first \$25,000 payment has to be made this year, 30 days after signing the contract. That payment plus the Tyler annual maintenance will come out of the budget line item which will still leave \$13,520 in that line for 2026. In the 2027 budget we need to look at increasing the CAMA software line item to match the annual maintenance for True Prodigy which will be \$213,157. If we do that then the annual maintenance for Tyler estimating a similar amount as 2026 and the True Prodigy prorated amount for the last two quarters of the year plus the conversion and onboarding cost will use the software line item and then will leave approximately \$381,000 that will need to come out of reserves. Those payments will be split between June and November of 2027.
2. I want to give y'all an update on the BOD public election process for 2026. The three elected positions will be up for re-election in the November General Election. We have information on our website regarding the election but July 18, 2026, is the deadline to file for a place on the ballot. The board will have to order the election before August 17, 2026. So, we will do that at our July meeting. October 19th is the first day for early voting, with October 30th being the last day. And the election is November 3, 2026.
3. I also want to give you a heads up on a couple of budget related items. We found out that our GIS software has become unsupported and we had to upgrade to the newer version of that software. This software controls all of our maps that we use throughout our office and in the field. We will be over on that budget line item at the end of the year. We had budgeted \$14,000 and it is actually \$19,063 for 2026.
4. Two other big issues that we are facing are that our servers are out of date and we need to upgrade the server software to handle some of the new technologies. I am talking with BIS to see if there is any way that we can limp it along until we go through the new conversion and can make sure that everything is compatible, but I have not gotten an answer on that yet. But the estimate to replace the server and software is roughly \$75,690. The other issue is that I got the building report back from Better Built Metal Buildings and they are telling me that the roof is in need of being replaced. The report states that we have significant areas of rust, pin holes, fasteners backing out, previous rubberized coating is separating and cracking and the gutter system is rusted and separated at the seams. There are also rust issues around the back door and on the canopy. The estimate to have this fixed, which if we end up doing the repairs we will get a couple of other bids, is \$57,500.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Cullin Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:51 pm. Dale Parish seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVAL:

Karen Fisher, Chair of the Board

ATTESTED:

Dale Parish, Secretary of the Board