

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GONZALES CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT
May 18, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Gonzales Central Appraisal District met on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at the appraisal district office located at 1709 E. Sarah Dewitt Drive, Gonzales, Texas. Board members present were Lauren Clampit, Sue Gottwald, Craig Hines, Sandra Gorden and Bud Box. Also present were John Liford, Chief Appraiser, Nick Rapoza, Deputy Chief Appraiser, Sherian Cleveland, Recording Secretary and Shannon Stary of Pritchard & Abbott, Inc.

Lauren Clampit, Chairman, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Lauren Clampit, Chairman, opened the proposals received for the district's group health insurance from Texas Benefit Solutions.

The minutes of the April 20, 2023 board meeting were approved upon motion by Bud Box and seconded by Craig Hines. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The financial report for the month of May was reviewed with the Board reflecting the district was under budget year to date by \$86,903.81. Sue Gottwald motioned to approve the financial report as presented. Sandra Gorden seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Craig Hines reported that all checks presented have been signed.

There were no Public Comments.

Discussion was held on proposed salaries for the 2024 budget. Mr. Liford stated the district has added approximately 6 million in value this year. Shannon Stary of Pritchard & Abbott stated on the oil and mineral production side, 1.2 billion would be added value this year with 52,000 accounts that Pritchard & Abbott would be appraising. Craig Hines asked Mr. Stary to give an explanation to the board on how oil and mineral properties were valued.

Mr. Liford stated the proposed budget for 2024 would need to be approved by the Board before June 15th and proposed a June 8th meeting date. Following discussion, Craig Hines motioned to change the date for the June meeting to June 8, 2023. Sue Gottwald seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Liford reported the district is processing homestead and agricultural exemption applications and reported on educational training for employees.

Mr. Liford also reported that since the Appraisal Review Board has been expanded from five to seven members, the district is now able to hear twenty-five to thirty protests a day.

Discussion was held on property values. Mr. Liford stated as previously reported by Shannon Stary, the mineral, industrial, utilities and personal properties have increased and this is reflected in the MIUP appraisal contract with Pritchard & Abbott for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026. Mr. Liford stated the MIUP contract is considered a professional contract and the district did not have to go out for bids on the professional contract. Mr. Stary stated he was very conservative with an overall 7% increase in the MIUP contract.

As there was no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned.


Chairman, Board of Directors

Attest:


Secretary, Board of Directors