

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GONZALES CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT
June 13, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Gonzales Central Appraisal District met on Tuesday, June 13, 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 and Sherian Cleveland, Recording Secretary.

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

The minutes of the May 18, 2023 board meeting were approved upon motion by Craig Hines and seconded by Bud Box. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The financial report for the month of May was reviewed with the Board reflecting the district was over the monthly average by \$23,917.76 and under budget year to date by \$68,883.89. Bud Box motioned to approve the financial report as presented. Craig Hines seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Craig Hines reported that all checks presented have been signed.

John Liford, Chief Appraiser commented on the decrease in tax rates in the past years and what the increases in salaries were from 2020. Mr. Liford stated the increase in salaries did not keep up with the rate of inflation.

Mr. Liford informed the Board that letters were sent to the taxing entities informing them that their budget share for the next two payments decreased due to the calculation error in the 2023 appraisal district budget. Following further discussion, Sue Gottwald motioned to adopt Resolution No. 398 to amend the 2023 appraisal district budget to correct a calculation error in Section III to reflect the correct total in the amount of \$309,140.00 from the incorrectly-calculated \$309,290.00 and to correct the total budgeted amount to \$1,894,152.00. Bud Box seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Discussion was held on the proposed appraisal district budget for the fiscal year 2024. Sue Gottwald stated she would support a 5% increase in salaries for 2024 and motioned to increase salaries by 5% in the proposed appraisal district budget for the fiscal year 2024. Sandra Gorden seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Sue Gottwald motioned to approve the proposed appraisal district budget for 2024 with a 5% increase in salaries, for a total budget of \$1,996,725.00. Sandra Gorden seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Following discussion, Sue Gottwald motioned to set the public budget hearing for July 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., with the regular meeting to follow the public budget hearing. Bud Box seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Discussion was held on the mapping contract with Pritchard & Abbott. Following discussion, Bud Box motioned to approve the Mapping Software Maintenance Agreement, GIS Maintenance, Public & Basic Web App Services with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2025. Craig Hines seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Discussion was held on the mass appraisal software contact with Pritchard & Abbott. Mr. Liford stated the legislature may raise the amount to \$100,000.00 for having to go out for bids on contracts and the contract would be addressed at the September meeting.

Mr. Liford reported that the Appraisal Review Board meetings have gone well this year due to increasing the number of members to seven. Mr. Liford stated that by having three panels per day the Appraisal Review Board was able to hear more cases per day and finish the protest hearings sooner.

Mr. Liford also reported that the district is processing homestead and agricultural applications.

Mr. Liford further reported that one of the appraisers is taking courses working toward her Class II designation.

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



Chairman, Board of Directors

Attest:



Secretary, Board of Directors

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF GONZALES

**RESOLUTION NO. 398
ADOPTING AMENDMENT TO THE 2023 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Gonzales Central Appraisal District ("District") has determined that it should amend the 2023 District budget to correct a calculation error in Section III to reflect the correct total in the amount of \$309,140.00 from an incorrectly-calculated \$309,290.00 and to thereby correct the total budgeted amount to \$1,894,152.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby amends the 2023 District budget to correct a calculation error in Section III to reflect the correct total in the amount of \$309,140.00 from an incorrectly-calculated \$309,290.00 and hereby corrects the total budgeted amount to \$1,894,152.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF June, 2023.


Chairman, Board of Directors

ATTEST:


Secretary, Board of Directors