

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GONZALES CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT
December 12, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Gonzales Central Appraisal District met on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at the appraisal district office located at 1709 E. Sarah Dewitt Drive, Gonzales, Texas. Board members present were Lauren Clampit, Craig Hines, Sandra Gorden, Sue Gottwald and Bud Box. Also present were John Liford, Chief Appraiser, Nick Rapoza, Deputy Chief Appraiser, Sherian Cleveland, Recording Secretary and Linda Carter of Texas Benefits Solutions.

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

The minutes of the November 16, 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 November, 2023 was reviewed with the Board. Mr. Liford reported that the district was under budget year to date by \$189,951.05. 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 there were no checks this month for co-signature.

There were no public comments.

Linda Carter of Texas Benefits Solutions informed the Board that employees age 65 and over are no longer covered for Part B care under the district's health insurance plan with United Healthcare and these employees would need to sign up for Part B coverage with Medicare. Ms. Carter stated the cost for the district would be much less to reimburse the employees for Part A, Part B, Part D and a medicare supplement than what the district is paying for now and this would be done through a Health Reimbursement Account as required by the IRS. Mr. Liford stated in the past it was discussed with the Board about changing the date of coverage to run January 1st thru December 31st and this could be done for 2024. Following further discussion, Sue Gottwald motioned to change the coverage date of insurance with United Healthcare to run from January 1st to December 31st and to change the coverage for employees that are age 65 and older as presented by Texas Benefits Solutions. Craig Hines seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Following discussion, Craig Hines motioned to approve the lease agreement with the County of Gonzales for the sublease of office space at 301 St. Joseph Street, Suite A as set forth in the lease agreement. Sue Gottwald seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Discussion was held on the renewal of the general liability, automobile and errors and omissions insurance policy. Mr. Liford stated the cost for 2023 was \$4,162.30 and the cost for 2024 would be \$5,854.87. Mr. Liford stated the amount budgeted for 2024 is

\$5,200.00 so the overage would need to be transferred in 2024. Sue Gottwald motioned to renew the general liability, automobile and errors and omissions insurance policy with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool. Craig Hines seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Following discussion, Sue Gottwald motioned to transfer \$2300.00 from the budget category of "Software Updates" to the 2023 Budget category of "Professional Dues & Subscriptions". Sandra Gorden seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Liford also reported that the appraisers were working in the field and four employees attended the Property Tax Institute in College Station.

Mr. Liford also reported that the district won an arbitration last week and the arbitration filed through SOAH would be in January which could require expert witnesses.

Mr. Liford further reported that the Board of Director's election was not finalized at this point as the voting taxing entities have until December 15th to cast votes for nominees listed on the ballot.

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

Sue Gottwald
Chairman, Board of Directors

Attest:

L. Hines

Secretary, Board of Directors

Vice Chair