



## REGULAR MEETING

March 9, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Appraisal District met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 1:00 pm. The meeting took place at the district's office at 9157 IH 10, East, Orange, Texas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Floyd, Karen Fisher, Philip Welch, Dr. Suzonne Crockett

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Andrews

CHIEF APPRAISER: Not Present

ATTORNEY: Not Present

VISITORS: Christa Wofford, Mitchell Fontenote CPA

### **ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Karen Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Mr. Philip Welch led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments.
- III. **REPORT AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**
  1. Board Member Oath of Office

Dr. Suzonne Crockett took the Oath of Office. Not motion necessary.
  2. Discuss and/or Approve the 2020 Financial Audit Report

Christa Wofford with Mitchell Fontenotes CPA office presented the 2020 Financial Audit Report. Laura Floyd made a motion to approve the report, Philip Welch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
  3. Discuss and/or Approve the Orange County Appraisal District Personnel Manual

After a short review, the board requested more time to review the full manual. This item is tabled until the May 2021 Board of Directors meeting.
  4. Discuss and/or Appoint a Committee of Two (2) Board Members to Assist in Budget Preparation

Laura Floyd made a motion to appoint Philip Welch and Dr. Suzonne Crockett for the two member committee to assist in the 2022 budget preparation on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Dr. Suzonne Crockett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Discuss and / or Approve a Date for the 2022 Budget Workshop

Philip Welch made a motion to approve May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as the date for the 2022 Budget Workshop. Laura Floyd seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Discuss and/or Approve Bid for Repairing the Fence Due to Hurricanes

Laura Floyd made a motion to approve the bid from M&M Fencing for \$7,900 to repair the fence due to hurricanes. Philip Welch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. Discuss and/or Approve the Minutes of Thursday, January 14, 2021 Regular Meeting

Laura Floyd made a motion to approve the minutes for Thursday, January 14, 2021 Regular Meeting, seconded by Karen Fisher. All motions passed unanimously.

8. Review Supplements to the Tax Roll

The Board of Directors reviewed the supplements to the tax roll. No motion necessary.

9. Discuss and/or Approve the January and February 2021 Bills for the Appraisal District

Laura Floyd made a motion to approve the January and February 2021 Bills for the Appraisal District. Philip Welch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

10. Discuss and/or Approve the Year to Date 2021 Investments

Dr. Suzonne Cockett made a motion to approve the Year to Date 2021 Investments for the Appraisal District. Philip Welch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

11. Discuss and/or Approve the Year to Date 2021 Financial Reports

Philip Welch made a motion to approve the Year to Date 2021 Financial Reports. Dr. Suzonne Crockett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

12. Discuss and/or Approve the Tabled End of Year 2020 Financial Reports

Laura Floyd made a motion to approve the Table End of Year 2020 Financial Reports. Dr. Suzonne Crockett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**IV. REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Karen Fisher welcomed Dr. Suzonne Crockett.

**V. REPORT OF CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

Not Present

**VI. REPORT OF ATTORNEY**

Not Present

**VII. REPORT OF CHIEF APPRAISER**

1. The District reported that there have been a total of six employees in the office that have had COVID.
2. Since Governor Abbott has lifted all mask restrictions, as of tomorrow our office will do the same. We will leave the option open to all individuals (employee and taxpayer) as to if they want to wear a mask or not.
3. At the end of January, we received the Property Value Study from the State Comptroller. This study is performed every 2 years. For the first time ever we were outside the confidence interval in all school districts. This was due in large part to the lack of sales information the District has received. We have sense found a third party company to purchase sales information from. We anticipate an increase in residential and commercial values for 2021 to make sure that we fall back into the confidence intervals on the next study.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Karen Fisher adjourned the meeting at 2:21 pm

**APPROVAL:**

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Karen Fisher, Chair of the Board

**ATTESTED:**

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Laura Floyd, Secretary of the Board