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MINUTES OF MEETING
19 November 2020
BRAZOS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order

Bill Lero as Chairman, having determined that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. on Thursday 19 November 2020 at 4051 Pendleton Dr., Bryan, Texas. A verbal roll call was taken to establish the following:

Members Present: Bill Lero (Chairman), Kyle DeWitt, Kristy Roe; *Ron Kaiser, *John Flynn, *Tim Jones, *Jason Bienski and J.J. Ruffino.

Members Absent: none

BCAD Staff: Mark Price, *Dana Horton, Debbie Lockledge

BCAD Staff Absent: n/a

Guests: *Jon Miller as BCAD legal counsel.

* = present via videoconference or teleconference call.

2. **Acknowledgement of Visitors and Hear Citizen Comments.** Per instructions on the agenda, comments were to be sent to Ms. Lockledge by e-mail; no comments were received for this meeting. Mr. Lero acknowledged everyone who was in attendance, as noted above.

3. **Recognition of affidavits (if any) filed in response to State law on disclosure of conflict of interest.**
None.

4. Consent Agenda.

The following items, being on the consent agenda, were considered:

- a. **Approval of cash disbursements for October 2020.**
- b. **BCAD financial account review.**
- c. **Board of Director revised minutes for August 2020 meeting.**

Mr. Jones moved to approve the consent agenda; Mr. DeWitt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Executive Session

The Brazos Central Appraisal District determined it necessary to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Sect. 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, consultation with an attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers. At 8:42 a.m., the Board took a brief recess; after which they went into Executive Session at 8:44 a.m., pursuant to Sec. 551.071 of the Texas Government Code as noted above. Following discussions, the Board came out of Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. for a brief recess.

Following a brief recess, the Board reconvened in Regular Session at 9:20 a.m.

6. Discussion, consideration and possible action on:

a. Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation.

Dr. Kaiser was asking to receive the executive session documents in advance so he would have a change to review them and have his questions prepared in advance. Mr. Lero agreed that getting this information at least the day before the meeting would be preferable to getting it just prior to the Executive Session, and it should come from Mr. Miller as attorney-client communication. Mr. Miller gave a brief overview of the restrictions placed on information provided as attorney – client communications. With that information, it was agreed that the Board should receive Executive Session information and related documents the day before the meeting, and they should come directly from Mr. Miller as BCAD's legal counsel.

Mr. Lero read the litigation and the amounts the Board would possibly support at the recommendation of BCAD staff and legal counsel, and asked that anyone who wanted to pull any proposed settlement for further discussion, please do so.

1. Cause No. 17-002224-CV-361.

Tax Year 2017	\$22,475,821
Tax Year 2018	\$24,688,000

2. Cause No. 18-002276-CV-272.

PID 18669	\$29,600,000
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3. Cause No. 18-002278-CV-272.

PID 29639	\$ 7,400,000
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4. Cause No. 18-002294-CV-361.

Tax Year 2018	\$32,398,790
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5. Cause No. 19-002289-CV-272.

Tax Year 2019	\$14,800,000
Tax Year 2020	\$14,500,000

6. Cause No. 19-002304-CV-361.

Tax Year 2019 \$62,450,000

7. Cause No. 19-002305-CV-361.

Tax Year 2019 \$40,369,100

Motion to approve all settlement offers was made by Mr. Bienski, and seconded by Mr. Jones. Motion received unanimous approval.

b. Proposed Entity Allotments for 2021.

Mr. Price presented this agenda item, noting that this is the same procedure as in years past. Mr. DeWitt made the motion to approve; Mr. Ruffino seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Chief Appraiser's Update.

Mr. Price noted ARB hearings were earlier this week, and there are only a small number left to be heard. He felt, overall, the ARB did a good job, particularly with hanging in there as procedures changed to maintain a safe environment and alternate options were developed for hearings. He added that we are now working on through next year's discovery phase. Everything has been delayed a bit. Mr. Price is working with the telephone people and will be looking to update the phone system. He noted there will not be excess funds next year after the 2021 budget was trimmed considerably.

8. Other Business & Future Agenda Items.


Dr. Kaiser asked for a report from Mr. Miller on pending litigation that will be on the agenda for the Board to consider. Mr. Miller agreed to provide this to the Board members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Lero noted that the next meeting is scheduled for 17 December 2020.

9. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Examined and approved as of this 21 day of JANUARY 2020.


Accepted: Chairman


Accepted: Secretary

Accepted: Vice-Chairman