

*Jefferson Central Appraisal District
Board of Directors*

*Regular Board Meeting
August 19, 2020 - 4:00 p.m.*

The Board of Directors of the Jefferson Central Appraisal District met in public (open) session on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at the Appraisal District office, 4610 S. Fourth Street, Beaumont, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dr. Louis Reed, Jr.,

It was found and determined that in accordance with the policies and orders of the Board, the notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 551.001 et. seq. of the Texas Government Code, and that all of the terms and provisions of Section 551.001 have been fully complied with and that the 72-hour notice required by said section has been properly and correctly given.

ROLL CALL

Present: Allison Nathan Getz, Eugene Landry, Lauren Williams Mason, Dr. Louis Reed, Jr., and Terry Schwertner

Absent: None

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Chairperson Reed declared a quorum present.

CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes: July 22, 2020
2. Receive Taxpayer Liaison Officer Report

The TLO Report was submitted indicating that the Taxpayer Liaison Officer did not receive any communications or complaints from taxpayers for the period ending August 12, 2020.

Mrs. Mason moved and Mr. Schwertner seconded to approve the consent agenda items as submitted.

Yeas: Getz, Landry, Mason, Reed, and Schwertner
Nays: None

REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

3. Receive Chief Appraiser's Report

TRUTH IN TAXATION WEBSITE

The District is now required to maintain a truth in taxation website that contains information regarding estimated taxes and actions taken or proposed to be taken on the 2020 tax rates by every entity. As required, on August 11, 2020 the District mailed out 102,419 postcard notices to property owners to inform them of this website at a cost of \$32,500.

One issue with providing this information on a website is that not everyone has a computer, so it limits access to some of the property owners.

CHIEF APPRAISER ACTIVITY REPORT

Mrs. Bellard submitted the Chief Appraiser's Activity Report for the period ending August 12, 2020 to the Board outlining the District activities and the public and entity notifications/meetings of the Chief Appraiser and the District.

CHIEF APPRAISER TRAVEL

None to report.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Chief Appraiser informed the Board that none of the District employees have tested positive for Covid-19, and she is continuing employees to work some days from home on a rotation basis.

Mrs. Getz moved and Mr. Landry seconded to receive the Chief Appraiser's Report as submitted.

Yeas: Getz, Landry, Mason, Reed, and Schwertner

Nays: None

4. Adopt Resolution #2020-6 Approval of Paid Leave to District Employees During Office Closure Beginning at 9:30 a.m. on August 6, 2020 Through 5:30 p.m. on August 6, 2020 Due to Loss of Electricity

At approximately 5:45 pm on August 5, 2020 a thunderstorm moved through the area causing damage to power lines to the District office. After reporting to work at 7:00 a.m. on August 6, 2020 to find that the District office did not have electricity, and after obtaining information that the power would not be restored until late afternoon, the Chief Appraiser notified the Chairperson of the Board that she was closing the office.

Mr. Schwertner moved and Mrs. Mason seconded to adopt Resolution #2020-6 approving the paid leave for all affected District employees due to the closure of the office due to the power failure from 9:30 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. on August 6, 2020.

Yeas: Getz, Landry, Mason, Reed, and Schwertner

Nays: None

5. Approve Financial Statements for May and June, 2020

Mr. Landry moved and Mrs. Getz seconded to approve the financial statements as follows:

For the month ending May 31, 2020 indicating expenses of \$378,209.27 and a fund balance of \$2,211,722.10.

For the month ending June 30, 2020 indicating expenses of \$435,596.15 and a fund balance of \$2,280,489.07.

Yeas: Getz, Landry, Mason, Reed, and Schwertner

Nays: None

6. Authorize/Ratify Expenditures from Equipment Replacement Fund

There being no expenditures to authorize or ratify, this item was deferred.

7. Receive Amendments to the 2020 Budget and Instruct the Secretary of the Board to Notify the Taxing Entities

There being no amendments to receive, this item was deferred.

8. Adopt Amendments to the 2020 Budget

There being no amendments to adopt, this item was deferred.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. September Board Meeting

The September Board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Dr. Louis Reed, Jr., Chairperson
Board of Directors
Jefferson Central Appraisal District

Terry Schwertner, Secretary
Board of Directors
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