

Hemphill County Appraisal District
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Minutes

The Hemphill County Appraisal District Board of Directors met on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at the Hemphill County Appraisal District office located at 223 Main Street, Canadian, Texas. Board members present were Heath Mitchell, Chairman, Alton Lohberger, Chris Jackson, Andy Orrell, Wendie Cook and Dawn Webb. Appraisal District staff member present was Pam Scates, Chief Appraiser. Guests present was Christa Perry.

1. Heath Mitchell established a quorum, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
2. Heath Mitchell gave the invocation and recognized the guest.
3. No public comment.
4. No items for Executive Session
5. No action taken on Executive Session.
6. The 2023 Financial Audit from Doshier, Pickens, and Francis, LLC was approved as presented at the previous meeting with a motion by Wendie Cook, second by Alton Lohberger. Passed unanimously.
7. April 17, 2024 Minutes and April and May Financials were reviewed. Wendie Cook made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Dawn Webb seconded. Passed unanimously. Andy Orrell made a motion to accept the Financials as presented. Dawn Webb seconded. Passed unanimously.
8. Discussion was held on the 2025 Budget. The Board agreed to adopt the proposed budget with the following changes: Reduce the proposed 4% increase in pay to 2% and revisit the salary line item at the next meeting after other taxing entities set their budgets to see if raises are given or not and move the difference from the adjustment in the amount of \$4,778 down to the property insurance line item leaving the overall budget total as proposed. Motion by Wendie Cook, second by Dawn Webb. Passed unanimously.
9. 2024 Budget line-item adjustment was discussed in regard to the building renovation project. Pam reported to the board she had been in contact with Steve Brinkley for the project but hasn't been able to make contact since then. Due to this, the board recommended she reach out to other construction companies in the area. No Action.
10. Chief Appraiser report on District Operations
 - A. Pam reported that the June protest hearing was scheduled for June 13th. There will be a July hearing date, but most cases are expected to be settled before then.
 - B. Pam gave a report on the status of the temporary exemptions granted on the Smokehouse Creek Fire Declared Disaster. Stating there was minimal value loss compared to the value loss from the new Circuit Breaker Law that reduced the mineral value for Hemphill by 33%.
 - C. Pam updated the board on the Palo Duro Pipeline suit as the only active suit in Hemphill.
11. The next meeting was set for Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m. after a motion by Wendie Cook and a seconded by Alton Lohberger. Passed unanimously.

Board Approval

Date

