

Freestone Central Appraisal District
Directors Meeting

Minutes of March 11, 2026

Regular Meeting # 559

The Freestone Central Appraisal District Board of Directors met at the appraisal office located at 218 North Mount, Fairfield, Texas. Board members present were Craig Dunlap, Daniel Ralstin, Stanton Brown, Jerry Don Sanders, Sid Fryer, and Lovie Whyte. Representing the appraisal district was Don Awalt, Chief Appraiser; Jason Moore, Deputy Chief Appraiser; Carol Clark, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Dunlap called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Mr. Dunlap established proof of the posting of public notice of the meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act from the affidavit attached to the foot of the posted agenda.

Oaths were administered to Mr. Sid Fryer, by Ms. Carol Clark, Notary.

Mr. Dunlap then declared a quorum of members present.

Consideration and action were taken on the minutes of the meeting held on February 11, 2026. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Whyte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board then considered the district's monthly financial report for February 11, 2026. The largest payment for the month of February was a payment of \$66,250.00 to Pritchard & Abbott, for the mineral contract. Mr. Moore, and Mr. Awalt attended the Texas Association of Appraisal District's (TAAD) conference where payments were made for mileage, meals, and parking. Ms. Whyte made a motion to approve the financial report for February 2026, with a second by Mr. Fryer. Motion carried.

Mr. Awalt reminded the board that during the January meeting, the board approved his recommendation for four training sources which include Texas Association of Appraisal District's (TAAD), Texas Association of Accessing Officers (TAAO), Texas Municipal League (TML), and Texas Association of Counties (TAC).

Mr. Awalt stated that TML was the training source that the district used frequently as they held multiple classes during the year; they now only have online training, and one in-person training in San Antonio. Mr. Awalt added that he is scheduled to attend training at the North Central Texas Council of Governments Training & Development Institute (NCTCOG) in Waco next month. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the additional training source recommended by Mr. Awalt. Mr. Fryer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 5:44 p.m. Mr. Dunlap announced that the board was entering executive session to consider personnel matters.

At 6:30 p.m. the board returned to open session. The board then considered the matters discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Dunlap made a motion for Mr. Awalt to contact Ms. Michelle Bohreer, an Employment Attorney, for direction on how to handle a personnel matter. Mr. Fryer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Awalt read the letter on the front page of the report submitted by Ms. Shepherd, the Taxpayer Liaison Officer. He added that the property named in the report was located in Navarro County.

Mr. Awalt reported to the board that all the field appraisals are complete. The appraiser's are performing checks for new improvements.

The ARB have their public meeting for ARB Hearing Rules & Procedures, scheduled on March 26.

Appraisal notices are scheduled to be mailed out on April 15, 2026.

Concluding his report, Mr. Awalt informed the board that Ms. Gilley Lee is set up to work from home while having treatment.

There being no further business, Mr. Dunlap declared the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.



Chairman


Secretary