

FREESTONE COUNTY APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of January 14, 2016

Meeting #2016-01

The Freestone County Appraisal Review Board met at the Freestone Central Appraisal District located at 218 North Mount, Fairfield, Texas. Board members present were Ann Gokey, M J Alford, Eric Samford, Deb Manahan and Wain Glass. Representing the appraisal district were Bud Black, Chief Appraiser; Don Awalt, Deputy Chief Appraiser; Carol Clark, ARB Clerk.

Ms. Gokey, chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Ms. Gokey requested proof of the posting of public notice of this meeting in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government. Mr. Black confirmed that the agenda had been notarized and posted on the front door of the appraisal district office, and on the district's website.

Oaths of office were administered to Ms. Alford, Ms. Manahan and Mr. W. Wain Glass by Carol Clark, Notary Public.

Ms. Gokey declared a quorum of members present.

Consideration and action were taken on the minutes of September 15, 2015. There was a motion by Mr. Samford and a second by Ms. Alford to approve the minutes of September 15, 2015. The motion carried.

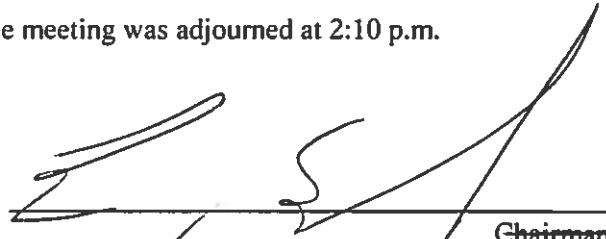
The board considered the dates for 2016 meetings. The Board scheduled the quarterly meetings for March 10, May 24, September 8 and December 1. The board will accept the appraisal records from the Chief Appraiser on May 24, 2016. The dates set for hearings are July 7, 12, 14, 19 and 21, 2016. Mr. Samford made a motion on the Adoption Dates for 2016 hearings, seconded by Ms. Alford. The motion carried.

Mr. Black presented the 2016 ARB Hearing Rules & Procedures to the board, reviewing changes that were made. Under section 5.05 (Rescheduling & Postponement Policies) the title "For Hearings Started Late" was added stating that "*The ARB shall respond in writing or by email to the request for postponement not later than the seventh day after the date of receipt of the request*". Changes were made under section 7:00 (Evidence) the title "Exchange of Evidence" was amended to say "*including but not limited to written or electronic documents including pictures, videos, and audio recordings*". Under the title "Use of Electronic Equipment in Evidence Presentation" was added stating that, "*Protesting property owners and/or their agents will be allowed to present and display evidence in protest hearings on computer equipment provided by the district provided that the electronic media is compatible with software in the possession of the district*". After brief discussion Mr. Samford made a motion on the Approval of the 2016 ARB Hearing Rules & Procedures. Ms. Alford seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

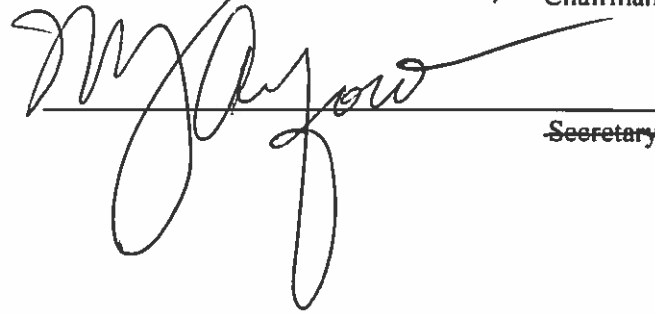
Consideration and action were taken on Certified Appraisal Rolls for Quarter Ending September 30, 2015 & December 31, 2015. Mr. Black presented the ARB quarterly change recap ending 12/31/15 for the board's approval. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Samford to approve the Certified Appraisal Rolls for Quarter Ending September 30, & December 31, 2015. Mr. Glass seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Mr. Black had nothing to report in the Chief Appraiser's report.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary