

FREESTONE COUNTY APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of January 16, 2020

Meeting #2020-1

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

Ms. Gokey, chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Gokey requested proof of the posting of public notice of this meeting in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government. Mr. Black pointed out that the notice was posted by Carol Clark on the website and the office front door on January 9 well in advance of the required seventy-two-hour notice of the public meeting.

Oaths of office were administered to Mr. Glass, Mr. Samford and Mr. Ratcliff by Carol Clark, Notary Public.

Ms. Gokey asked that each board member state their name for the record and declared a quorum of the board present.

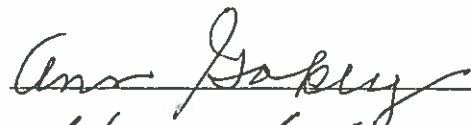
Consideration and action were taken on the minutes of November 14, 2019. There was a motion by Mr. Glass and a second by Mr. Ratcliff to approve the minutes of November 14, 2019. The motion carried.

The board considered action on Adoption Dates for 2020 Hearings. Mr. Black reviewed the calendar with the board members reviewing the proposed 2020 ARB meeting dates and their ARB training dates. They agreed to schedule their training date on April 15, 2020. The board scheduled the quarterly meetings on May 28, June 30, and October 15. The dates set for hearings are June 30, July 2, July 14, and July 9 as an alternate day. The board will accept the appraisal records on May 28, 2020. Ms. Alford made a motion on the Adoption Dates for 2020 hearings. Mr. Samford seconded the motion. The motion carried.


Consideration and action were taken on the 2020 ARB Hearing Rules & Procedures. Mr. Black begins reviewing the changes that were made reminding the board that new verbiage is underlined. Changes were made in *1.00 ARB Administration* 'The ARB's Chairman and Secretary are appointed by the district administrative law judge'. An addition to *(f) Motion to Correct Incorrect Appraised Value (PTC 25.25d)* states that '2. The error may not be corrected unless the correction results in a value that is one-fourth less than the original appraised value of a property receiving a residential homestead exemption or one-third less than the original appraised value of all other properties.' Multiple changes were also made throughout the policy including *13.06 Determinations That Increase Property Tax Liability* and *16.02 Correction to the Appraisal Roll After Certification*. After further discussion Mr. Glass made a motion on the Approval of the 2020 ARB Hearing Rules & Procedures. Mr. Ratcliff seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The board considered the Chief Appraiser's ARB Approved Changes for the 4th Quarter 2019. Mr. Black reminded the board that state law requires the district to deliver a copy of the report to the ARB and the Board of Directors by the 10th day of the month following the end of the quarter. He proceeds to present his report which included a recap of total changes and the reason for each change. By previous action of the Appraisal Review Board, he has been given authority to make these changes if the appraisal district and the property owner are in agreement. Mr. Black stated that there are no outstanding protests on any of the listed properties, and all changes have been sent to the affected taxing entities for corrections to their rolls. After reviewing the list of change reasons at Ms. Alford's request, Mr. Black states that there was nothing out of the ordinary included in the report. Mr. Samford made a motion seconded by Ms. Alford to approve the changes as presented. Motion Carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary