

FREESTONE COUNTY APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of July 16, 2020

Meeting #2020-9

The Freestone County Appraisal Review Board met at the Johnson Activity Center located on the Fairfield ISD High School Campus at 631 Post Oak Road, Fairfield, Texas. Board members present were Chairman Ann Gokey, Secretary Wain Glass, Eric Samford, M J Alford, Wesley Ratcliff, and alternate member Ron Brokmeyer. Representing the appraisal district were Bud Black, Chief Appraiser; Don Awalt, Deputy Chief Appraiser; and, Melissa Marberry.

Ms. Gokey, chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.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 Ms. Clark on the website and the office front door on July 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., well in advance of the required seventy-two-hour notice of the public meeting. Mr. Black added that included on the agenda were links to the YouTube broadcast and a toll-free phone number providing the public the ability to attend the meeting virtually.

Mr. Black verified that the Appraisal Review Board and those attending the meeting were in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order to meet under special provisions limiting the number of people in a public meeting to follow the social distancing guidelines.

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

Ms. Gokey called for the consideration of the minutes from the ARB's meeting on July 14, 2020. There was a motion by Mr. Samford, seconded by Ms. Alford, that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Black informed Ms. Gokey that there were no unscheduled protests to be heard by the board at this time.

Ms. Gokey then continued the meeting with Agenda Item VIII – Scheduled Taxpayer protests. Mr. Black reported to the board that it had missed dismissing Case 202000023 – Secure Investments for failure to appear for its scheduled hearing on July 9, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. He reported that the property owner had failed to make contact with the appraisal district or ARB since then. A motion was then made by Mr. Samford, seconded by Ms. Alford that the case be dismissed for failure to appear. Motion carried.

The Board then considered protests for these cases with the following results:

Case Number	Hearing Time	Property Owner	Action Taken
202000050	10:00 a.m.	White Lee Allan	Dismissed for Failure to Appear at 11:23 a.m. after verifying that there had been no contact with the property owner. Motion by Mr. Samford, seconded by Mr. Glass. Motion carried.
202000069	11:00 a.m.	Beldin Stephen & Heather	Dismissed for Failure to Appear at 11:22 a.m. after verifying that there had been no contact with the property owner. Motion by Mr. Samford, seconded by Ms. Alford. Motion carried.

With all other hearings for the morning cancelled or settled, Ms. Gokey adjourned the meeting until 1:30 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m., Ms. Gokey reconvened the ARB meeting, with all members present to consider the following cases:

Case Number	Hearing Time	Property Owner	Action Taken
202000044	1:30 p.m.	Roth George A Jr & Antoinette G	Changed.
202000307	6:30 p.m.	Kohler Terry & Vanessa	Changed.


Case Number	Hearing Time	Property Owner	Action Taken
202000017 202000018 202000375 202000376 202000377 202000378	2:30 p.m.	Morin Jonathan & Lacey	Dismissed for Failure to Appear at 2:58 p.m. after verifying that there had been no contact with the property owner. Motion by Mr. Samford, seconded by Mr. Glass. Motion carried.
202000011 202000012 202000103 202000013 202000014 202000015	6:30 p.m.	CAMY Kamy Real Property Trust	Dismissed for Failure to Appear at 7:01 p.m. after verifying that there had been no contact with the property owner. Motion by Mr. Samford, seconded by Mr. Glass. Motion carried.

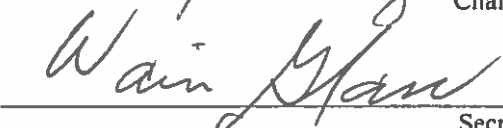
Ms. Gokey then inquired from Mr. Black if there were any unscheduled protests to be heard. Mr. Black reported that there were none.

Ms. Gokey then called for the approval of the 2020 appraisal records. Mr. Black reported that all protest cases had been entered into the protest system and that the value recap ran mid-afternoon reported 3.57% of the total appraisal roll remained under protest. Texas law allows for the approval of the appraisal records when less than 5% of the roll remains under protest. Mr. Black requested that the ARB approve the appraisal records so that he could move forward with the certification process. There was a motion by Mr. Samford, seconded by Mr. Glass, that the 2020 appraisal records be approved. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.


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