

FREESTONE COUNTY APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of July 28, 2020

Meeting #2020-10

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, MJ 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 10:05 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 22, 2020 at 1:30 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 16, 2020. There was a motion by Mr. Samford, seconded by Ms. Alford, that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Black then presented the Chief Appraiser's Quarterly Change Report for the 2nd Quarter of 2020 for the board's consideration. He reminded the board that this was the same report that had been delivered to them by email on July 8, 2020. He reported to the board the report was rather lengthy this time because of the number of changes to the mineral records during the past quarter. He stated that many of those changes were changes in ownership in various gas units from updated division orders. He added that other changes during the quarter were the common changes – new homesteads, deletion of duplicate accounts, and other various changes authorized by the Property Tax Code. He reminded the board that the recap at the beginning of the report included a brief description, item count, and section from the Property Tax Code authorizing the changes. Pages that followed in the report included specific detail for the years and parcels affected by the changes. He concluded his report by stating that the changes included were made in accordance with the Property Tax Code, the authority granted him to make uncontested changes to the appraisal roll by this board, and that those changes had been sent to the tax assessor for correction to the tax records. There was a motion by Mr. Samford, seconded by Mr. Glass that the report be approved as presented. 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.

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

Case Number	Hearing Time	Property Owner	Action Taken
202000004	10:00 a.m.	FERGUSON KRISTI SHAE	Dismissed for Failure to Appear at 10:57 a.m. after verifying that there had been no contact with the property owner. Motion by Mr. Samford, seconded by Mr. Glass. Motion carried.
202000021	11:00 a.m.	LITTLE JEREMY & ADRIAN	Dismissed for Failure to Appear at 11:48 a.m. after verifying that there had been no contact with the property owner. Motion by Mr. Samford, seconded by Ms. Alford. Motion carried.
202000291	11:00 a.m.	PALMA MARK & KELLEY R	No change.

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:

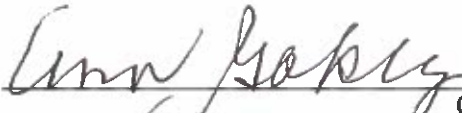
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202000159	1:30 p.m.	GLOBAL JUBILEE 2007 INC	Settled outside of hearing.
202000155	1:30 p.m.	SHRODE ALLEN	Changed.
202000103	1:30 p.m.	TATUM CYRUS	Dismissed for Failure to Appear at 2:18 p.m. after verifying that there had been no contact with the property owner. Motion by Mr. Samford, seconded by Mr. Glass. Motion carried.
202000162	2:30 p.m.	VU RUND V & TOM THI PHAM	Dismissed for Failure to Appear at 2:51 p.m. after verifying that there had been no contact with the property owner. Motion by Mr. Glass, seconded by Mr. Samford. Motion carried.
202000164	2:30 p.m.	WOOD STEPHANIE SMITH	Dismissed for Failure to Appear at 2:51 p.m. after verifying that there had been no contact with the property owner. Motion by Mr. Glass, seconded by Mr. Samford. Motion carried.
202000257	3:30 p.m.	PETTY DAVID & DONNA M	No change.
202000067	3:30 p.m.	TOTO INC	Dismissed for Failure to Appear at 4:06 p.m. after verifying that there had been no contact with the property owner. Motion by Mr. Samford, seconded by Mr. Glass. Motion carried.
202000275	4:30 p.m.	GEHMAN CARMON ROXANE	Dismissed for Failure to Appear at 5:11 p.m. after verifying that there had been no contact with the property owner. Motion by Mr. Samford, seconded by Mr. Glass. Motion carried.
202000278	5:30 p.m.	ALFORD MARY JEAN TTEE	Changed.
202000277	5:30 p.m.	NEAL AND COMPANY INC	Changed.
202000309 202000310 202000312	6:30 p.m.	BONNER D A EST & PAT EST	Dismissed for Failure to Appear at 6:55 p.m. after verifying that there had been no contact with the property owner. Motion by Mr. Samford, seconded by Mr. Glass. Motion carried.
202000305	6:30 p.m.	MANNING JARRETT & VENECIA	Changed.


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

Mr. Black reported that "in person" protest hearings were scheduled to be heard on August 4 and 6 at this location. No hearings were scheduled at this location in the future as Fairfield School will begin using the facilities for school functions. No hearings scheduled for August 11 but a hearing date as been scheduled to be held at the appraisal district office on August 13 as all hearings for that day are to be held via telephone.

There was no public comment.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary