

FREESTONE COUNTY APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of October 15, 2020

Meeting #2020-20

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

Ms. Gokey, chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m.

Ms. Gokey requested proof of the posting of public notice of this meeting in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government.

Mr. Black verified that the agenda was posted by Ms. Clark on October 8, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. on both the appraisal district website and the front door of the district's office well within the seventy-two-hour notice of a public meeting.

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 with no more than ten people in attendance and are at least six feet apart.

Ms. Gokey asked that each board member state their name for the record. With Ms. Gokey, Mr. Samford, Ms. Alford, Mr. Ratcliff, Mr. Glass, and Mr. Brokmeyer present, she declared a quorum of the board was present.

The minutes of the September 24, 2020 meeting were presented to the board for review. Ms. Alford made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Mr. Ratcliff. Motion carried.

Mr. Black then presented the Chief Appraiser's Quarterly Change Report for the 3rd Quarter of 2020 for the board's consideration. He informed the board that this report was lengthy due to the amount of properties that had protest codes when the records were certified in July. A number of changes are due to the 224 protest codes that were removed from parcels that had previous hearings and settlements dating back to September. Mr. Black continues to explain that the report also included late homesteads. Mr. Black certified that there are no other outstanding protests and that both the property owner and the appraisal district are in agreement with the value and the changes that were made and requested that the board approve the report as presented. There was a motion by Mr. Samford, seconded by Ms. Alford that the report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Ms. Gokey then called for consideration of Agenda Item VII regarding requests for hearings. Mr. Black pointed out the notice of protest included in the board packet dated October 13, 2020 by Frank and Jewel Banks. The form was signed on October 9, 2020; the deadline to file a protest was May 15, 2020. Mr. Black requested that the board determine whether they are entitled to a protest hearing. He informs the board that the property owners had not provided a cause for filing late. Mr. Samford made a motion to deny the request for hearing with a second by Mr. Glass. The motion carried.

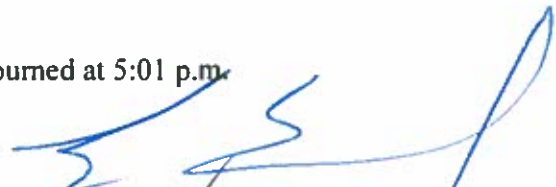
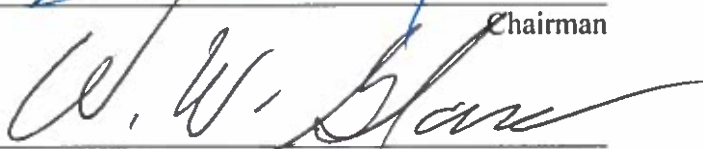
Ms. Gokey then called for consideration and action on Agenda Item VIII regarding unscheduled taxpayer protests. Mr. Black reported that there were none at this time.

The board then continued with its agenda with Agenda Item IX – Consideration and Action on Scheduled Taxpayer Protests with the following results:

Case Number	Scheduled Hearing Time	Property Owner	Action Taken
202000507	1:30 pm	DIXON JAMES	Changed.
202000206	1:30 pm	WINNING SOLUTIONS	Motion by Mr. Samford, seconded by Mr. Glass that the case be dismissed for failure to appear at 2:30 p.m. Motion carried.
202000735	1:30 pm	JDW FAMILY TRUST	No Change
202000363	3:30 pm	KING PATRICIA	Changed
202000364	3:30 pm	KING PATTI	No Change
202000475	4:30 pm	TURNER BYRON R	Motion by Mr. Samford, seconded by Mr. Glass that the case be dismissed for failure to appear at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

After all hearings on the schedule had been addressed by the board, Ms. Gokey called for public comment. There was none.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.


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