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MINUTES OF THE JULY 22, 2014 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRAVIS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Travis Central Appraisal District held a public meeting on July 22, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 200A on the second floor of the Travis Central Appraisal District, located at 8314 Cross Park Drive, Austin, Texas.

Mr. Lavine recognized a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 3:10pm. Board members present were: Richard Lavine, Chair; Kristoffer Lands, Vice-Chair; Tom Buckle, Bruce Elfant, Eleanor Powell, Shellda Grant and Blanca Zamora-Garcia. Denny Hamill, Ed Keller, and Rico Reyes were absent from the meeting. Also present were Marya Crigler, Chief Appraiser, Sharon Baxter, Legal Counsel, and Leana Mann, Finance & Facilities Officer.

Item No. 3 – Citizen’s Communication: there being no citizen’s communication the Board moved onto item #4.

Item No. 4 – Taxpayer Liaison’s Report: Mr. Don Rives was unable to attend, and he did not have any complaints to report.

Item No. 5 – Appraisal Review Board Chairperson’s report: Ms. Busceme asked about Mrs. Johnson’s eligibility to be an auxiliary member since her term ended in December of 2012, so that would not make her eligible until 2015. Ms. Zamora-Garcia asked Ms. Busceme to clear up the number of committee members on the social committee.

Item No. 6 – Chief Appraiser report to include: 2014 protest/certification status, review of accounting statements and personnel status report: Ms. Crigler let the Board that we are at 84.97% and we are still on target to certify August 15th. Staff has been working late along with the ARB to get all hearings on the docket cleared daily. She said we are hoping to be done with all of the protest processing and scheduling all hearings by October 3rd, so that the appraisers can begin working out in the field. She included a draft of an updated estimate letter she is mailing to the taxing jurisdictions. As for the auxiliary ARB members, the administrative judge requested the list of former ARB members. The administrative Judge gave Ms. Crigler a list of 6 members she would like to appoint to work the week of July 28th. Ms. Baxter acknowledged Ms. Busceme’s concern regarding the appointment of Mrs. Johnson and said she would speak to the staff of the Administrative Judge.

Item No. 7 – Discussion and action on appeals report and litigation update to include appeals by chief appraiser pursuant to section 42.02. **MR. TOM BUCKLE MOVED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO GIVE THE APPROVAL TO THE CHIEF APPRAISER TO APPEAL AN ORDER THE ARB MADE ON PID365784 (INTEL CORP). MS. ELEANOR POWELL SECONDED AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

At 3:21pm the Board moved to executive session for Item No. 7 **TO DELIBERATE ANY MATTER AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 551.001 et sec [THE TEXAS OPEN MEETING ACT] INCLUDING:**

SEC. 551.071; Consultation with attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and matters on which the attorney has a duty to advise the Board under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas.

SEC. 551.072; Deliberations regarding real property

SEC. 551.074; Personnel matters; to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee – Chief Appraiser, ARB

SEC. 551.076; Deliberations regarding security devices

The Board reopened the regular meeting at 3:48pm and returned to Items No. 7 and No.8.

Item No. 8 – Discussion and actions on future agenda items: The next meeting is scheduled August 19th at 6:05pm and the following items will be discussed: 2015 Budget will be adopted and there will be a Public Hearing at 6pm for the budget and the reappraisal plan. Ms. Crigler stated that she will be mailing a letter to the jurisdictions regarding the budget increase and have the date & time for the public hearing regarding the budget. The jurisdictions can speak at the public hearing; once the budget has been approved the jurisdictions have 30 days to disapprove the budget. If it is disapproved by the majority of the jurisdictions, the Board has another 30 days to approve another budget. The next meeting will also include TCDRS plan options and agreement for 2014 & the number of regular & auxiliary ARB members for the Admin Judge appointments. Timeline, applications and interviews for ARB Chairman & Secretary Positions.

Item No. 9 – Adjournment. **MR. KRISTOFFER LANDS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**
MS. SHELLDA GRANT SECONDED AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,



Ed Keller, Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:



Richard Lavine, Chair