

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE CAMERON APPRAISAL DISTRICT
CAMERON COUNTY, STATE OF TEXAS**

Time & Date: 5:45 p.m. - March 15, 2021

Place: 2021 Amistad Drive - San Benito, Texas

Purpose: Regular Meeting

Members present: David Argabright, Gloria Casas, Frank Davalos, Jr., David A. Garza, Jim Tipton, Dr. Prisci Roca Tipton, Jesse Villarreal, Gilbert Weaver and Tony Yzaguirre, Jr.

Members absent: Ricardo Morado

CAD staff present: Richard Molina, Loretta Salinas, Norma Jimenez, Ana Medina, Joe Orozco, Hector Briones, Ramiro Reza, Rick Moreno, Robert Romero and George Garcia

1. Loretta Salinas established a quorum by roll call and the meeting was called to order by Chairman David Garza at 5:45 p.m. Mr. Garza welcomed all the board members. Today was the first in-person meeting since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The option to join via Zoom was still offered to anyone who preferred to join virtually.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Texas Pledge
3. Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, this meeting was held via the Zoom online platform. At approximately 5:45 p.m., the Oath of Office was administered to Jim Tipton by Judge Ricardo Adobbati and to David Argabright and Gilbert Weaver by Notary Public Loretta Salinas.
4. Gilbert Weaver motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 25, 2021. Seconded by Tony Yzaguirre, Jr.

Aye - Seven (7)
Non-Voting - One (1)

(Ms. Casas arrived at 5:46 p.m.)

5. No one was present to address the Board during public access.

6. Liaison Officer Ana Medina reported the following:
 - In response to the uncertainty surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19), visits to the Brownsville Cameron County Tax Office remain suspended.
 - Administrative Judge Ben Euresti has appointed five ARB members and three Auxiliary Members to serve for the 2021-2022 years. He has also appointed the ARB Chair and Secretary which are Armando Magallanes and George McShan. A list of the members was provided to the Board.
 - No other events are currently scheduled
7. Board members were provided with the January and February 2021 financial reports in their packets. Norma Jimenez provided the board with a detailed explanation of the February report.
8. Mr. Molina requested that the Board approve a policy regarding the continual use of facial coverings in the office. Mr. Molina commented that he had checked with CAD attorney, Jim Evans, and that Mr. Evans felt that this would be a good idea. A copy of the proposed policy was included in each member's.

David Argabright motioned to approve the policy regarding the continual use of facial coverings in the office. Seconded by Dr. Prisci Roca Tipton.

Aye - Eight (8)
Non-Voting - One (1)


9. The following information was provided in the Chief Appraiser's report:
 - A. The HB490 statement from BOD and chief appraiser regarding no delinquent taxes was included in each board member's packets for each member and Chief appraiser to sign.
 - B. The Comptroller's Property Value Study was received and San Benito, La Feria ISD, Santa Maria ISD and Santa Rosa ISD did not meet local value this year. These school districts have authorized CAD to protest the categories in the Property Value Study. Staff has been busy preparing all the information for submission. The protest deadline is March 26. Mr. Molina expressed his appreciation to the staff that has been diligently working on this. He is confident that they will be able to meet local value.
 - C. The 2020 MAP Review will be conducted in April. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the review will be conducted virtually.

- D. Mr. Molina informed the Board that taxpayers due to the disaster declaration of the recent Winter Storm, taxpayers may qualify for a possible Disaster Related Property tax exemption. There is certain criteria that would need to be met, and if approved, the exemption would only be for one year. This notice does not need to be published.
 - E. The budget workshop for the budget committee, CAD staff and taxing entities will be scheduled in May. All taxing entities will be invited to attend the workshop and proper notice will be made.
 - F. Personal Property renditions were mailed as follows:
Special Inventory Declarations – January 6
Renditions - January 14
 - G. Required public service announcement from the Comptroller's Office (Updated Property Tax Information) was published on March 14 in the Valley Morning Star and Brownsville Herald; March 11 in the Port Isabel Press and March 12 in the San Benito News.
 - H. Appraisal notices are anticipated to be mailed by April 1.
 - I. The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 19.
 - J. The 2021 TAAO & ICTA Annual Conference will be held in Austin, August 30-September 2. Registration will be out soon and Board members interested in attending should contact Loretta. Mr. Molina is looking into possibly attending the IAAO Annual Conference which will be held in Chicago. The IAAO Annual Conference offers advanced level training and would benefit the advanced level appraisers.
10. No executive session was held. No action was needed on item #10.
11. David Argabright motioned to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Seconded by Jesse Villarreal.

Aye - Eight (8)
Non-Voting - One (1)

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Prisci Roca Tipton
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APPROVED _____

ATTEST 

SIGN-IN REQUEST

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I hereby request to address the Board of Directors of the Cameron Appraisal District regarding the following subjects:

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