Yoakum County Appraisal District

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The Board of Directors of the Yoakum County Appraisal District met in Regular session at the Yoakum County Appraisal District office at 500 Cowboy Way, Plains, Texas, from 2:00 PM on Friday, June 5, 2020. The following members were present:

Brad Woosley, Chairman -present via zoom until 2:24 then present in person Danny Escalante, Member -present via zoom Stacy Franklin, Member -in person Jan Parrish, Member -present via zoom The Appraisal District was represented by Brooks Barrett, Chief Appraiser and Ann Saxon, 1ST Deputy Appraiser.

Brad Woosley called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

The Board then reviewed the minutes from the April 9, 2020 meeting. Upon a motion by Danny Escalante, Stacy Franklin seconded the motion, the Board approved minutes form the April 9, 2020 meeting. For – 4, Against – 0

The Board of Directors reviewed the financial report and bills paid for March, April, and May of 2020. Upon a Motion by Danny Escalante, seconded by Stacy Franklin, the financial report and bills were approved as presented. For – 4, Against – 0

Phelps Blume, of Myatt, Blume, & Osburn, presented the 2019 Financial Audit to the Board. He stated the opinion of the auditing firm is that the year 2019 ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. He summarized the audit and presented it to the board for approval. He ended that there were no findings in the audit. Stacy Franklin made the motion to approve the audit. The motion was seconded by Danny Escalante. For – 4, Against – 0

Mr. Blume recommended that the Appraisal District refund a total of \$18,273.96 to the taxing entities. Stacy Franklin made the motion to accept the budget refund as presented. The motion was seconded by Danny Escalante. For -4, Against -0

Stacy Franklin made the motion, seconded by Danny Escalante to use Myatt, Blume, and Osburn, LTD., L.L.P. as the accounting firm for the 2020 Financial Audit. For – 4, Against – 0

Upon a motion by Danny Escalante, seconded by Stacy Franklin, that the 2021 Preliminary Budget be approved. For -4, Against -0

The Board discussed the evaluation of the Chief Appraiser.

Brooks Barret gave an update on how the 2019-2020 MAP's Review concluded. The District passed the review without any major findings to report.

The Board discussed how the changes to the appraisal schedules due to the District hiring Western Appraisal had affected property values in the county. The procedures on how to handle protests in a safe manner due to COVID-19 concerns were discussed.

Upon a motion by Stacy Franklin, seconded by Danny Escalante the board adjourned at 2:49 PM. For – 4, Against – 0

Brad Woosley, Chairman

Member