

**HUDSPETH APPRAISAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 26, 2016**

**HUDSPETH APPRAISAL DISTRICT OFFICE
HUDSPETH COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING
SIERRA BLANCA, TEXAS**

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order and Establishing of quorum:**
The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM

A quorum was present; namely, Jim Ed Miller, Larry Brewton, Gale Carr, Kevin Lynch, and Russell Moore.
- 2. Certification and Posting of Public Notices:**
Chairman Gale Carr determined that legal posting of meeting had taken place.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance:**
Pledge was led by Gale Carr.
- 4. Introduction of Guests and Visitors:**
None.
- 5. Solicitation of Public Comments:**
None.
- 6. Reading and Approval of Minutes:**
The minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting were approved as on a motion by Jim Ed Miller with second by Kevin Lynch.
- 7. Communication Addressed to the Board of Directors:**
None.
- 8. Executive Session:**
None.
- 9. Budget Report (Including action on outstanding bills):**
The budget report and bills for December was presented to the board. On a motion by Kevin Lynch with second by Larry Brewton , the budget report and bills for December was approved after correction of clerical error.
- 10. Chief Appraiser's Report :**
The board was informed the Comptroller's Report of Property Value for the Hudspeth Appraisal District and the school district's would be out within the week. The board was informed that all the school district should receive local value with the possible exception of the Dell City I. S. D. The reason the Dell City I. S. D. might not receive local value in the opinion of Chief

Appraiser Zedoch L. Pridgeon was problems from past studies on the productivity value of farmland in the Dell City I. S. D. and the small amount of value attributed to utilities as compared to the other school districts in the county. Also a new on-site appraiser for the Comptroller may also pose problems. Kevin Lynch indicated the Dell City I. S. D. already had the findings of the 2015 PVS and the Dell City I. S. D. had concerns about the property study. Kevin Lynch provided paperwork which was sent to the Dell City I. S. D. by the school district's collection attorneys Perdue, Fielder, Collins, & Mott. Chief Appraiser Pridgeon looked at the paper work and informed the board that what Kevin Lynch had was a copy of the self-report filed by the appraisal district annually with the Comptroller and not findings of the property value study. The collection attorney's raised concerns that increased values in Category A (Single Family Dwellings) and Category J (Utilities) could affect the amount of funding to the Dell City I. S. D. The board was informed that values in various categories can and normally will change from year to year for various reasons. The board was informed that the local modifier used by the appraisal district for residential properties in Dell City was changed to reflect local market conditions and there was a higher amount of new construction in Category A for 2015 than normal. The reason for the increase in value in Category J were higher pipeline values than the previous year and moving towers from Category J which is tested to Category L2 (Industrial Personal Property) which is not tested. The board was informed it is best to have property not tested if legally possible. Properties not tested receive local value.

11. **Tax Collection Report (No action required):**
Presented to the board by Rhonda Bowen.

OLD BUSINESS

12. **Report from Linebarger, Goggan, Blair, & Sampson LLP:**
None.
13. **Report from Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott LLP:**
None.
14. **Approval on Sale of Struck Off Properties:**
SOP #1600 – Melissa Rivera – 343 Phase I Lot 33 – On a motion by Kevin Lynch with second by Larry Brewton, the bid of \$150 was rejected.

SOP #1601 – Melissa Rivera – 343 Phase I Lots 29-31 – On a motion by Kevin Lynch with second by Larry Brewton, the bid of \$750.00 was approved.

SOP #1602 – Luis Romero & Yolanda Chaparro – 3 Lee Trustw #1 Lots 1-14 – On a motion by Kevin Lynch with second by Larry Brewton, the bid of \$4,500 was accepted.

SOP #1603 – Jesus Gomez – 129 Phase I Lots 6-7 – On a motion by Kevin Lynch with second by Jim Ed Miller, the bid of \$400 was rejected.

SOP #1604 – Cecilia R Palomino - 223 Phase I Lots 8-11 – On a motion by Jim Ed Miller with second by Russell Moore, the bid of \$105 was rejected.

NEW BUSINESS

15. **Selection of Officers Board of Directors 2016-2017 Term:**
On a motion by Larry Brewton with second by Jim Ed Miller, the officers will be the same as the 2014-2015 term of office. Gale Carr – Chairman – Kevin Lynch – Vice-Chairman – Larry Brewton – Secretary.
16. **Appointments to the ARB for the 2016-2017 Term:**
The board was informed that two members of the ARB cannot be reappointed to the ARB for the 2016-2017 term. The board gave the appraisal district names to contact in order to determine the willingness of the individuals to serve and bring the names to the April meeting in order to appoint them if they are willing to serve.
17. **Engagement letter Stockton, Scurry & Smith:**
On a motion by Larry Brewton with second by Kevin Lynch, the engagement letter was approved to provide accounting services to the appraisal district.
18. **Amendment to 2015 Budget:**
On a motion by Jim Ed Miller with second by Larry Brewton, the 2015 budget was amended to \$383,606.44.
19. **Line Item Transfers to 2015 Budget:**
On a motion by Jim Ed Miller with second by Larry Brewton the line item transfers to the 2015 budget were approved.
20. **Appointment of Adolfo Ramirez as Chief Appraiser:**
On a motion by Jim Ed Miller with second by Larry Brewton, Adolfo Ramirez was appointed Chief Appraiser for Hudspeth Appraisal District.
21. **Adjournment:**
On a motion by Jim Ed Miller with second by Kevin Lynch, the meeting adjourned at 2:01 PM.

Zedoch L. Pridgeon
Recording Secretary