# Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December 9, 2022

This meeting was conducted "in person" and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act as written in statute and was broadcast live on Facebook. A quorum of the members of the Board attended in person at TAD offices.

These minutes are a summary of the only subjects the board addressed and the actions it took. For details, see the Agenda and Video Recording posted on TAD's website at this URL:

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#### **Members Present:**

Ms. Kathryn Wilemon, Chairman

Mr. Rich DeOtte, Secretary

Mr. Jungus Jordan

Mr. J.R. Martinez

Mr. Tony Pompa

#### **Not Present:**

Ms. Wendy Burgess, Tax Assessor Collector

Mr. Jeff Law, Chief Appraiser

## **Also Participating:**

Mr. Jeff Craig, Director of Administration

Mr. Matthew Tepper, TAD Board Attorney

Ms. Wilemon called the meeting to order at 9am, and verified a quorum was present. She noted that Mr. Law and Ms. Burgess could not attend due to illness. Mr. Craig served in Mr. Law's absence. After the pledges and invocation, the Board took up the following agenda items.

# 5. Recognize Visitors; Hear Public Comments

Six members of the public spoke.

#### 6. Action Items

- a. Consent Agenda Items
  - (1) Action regarding approval of Board of Directors meeting minutes November 11, 2022
  - (2) Action regarding renewal of the annual "CoStar Suite" Subscription
  - (3) Action regarding renewal of annual maintenance agreements for all Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) software products in support of TAD's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) appraisal mapping system
  - (4) Action regarding Adoption of 2023 Tarrant Appraisal District Investment Policy

- (5) Action regarding payment of Annual Maintenance and Support services provided by Manitron, Inc. and payment of Annual Escrow Fee
- (6) Action regarding Appointment of Taxpayer Liaison Officer for 2023
- (7) Action regarding consent to Agricultural Advisory Board member appointment
- (8) Action regarding a change of designation in TAD Retention Policy in regards to Records Management Officer
- (9) Action regarding Award of Contracts for Medical, Disability and Related Insurance and Authorization for Employer Contribution

Mr. DeOtte asked to remove Item 6a(1) from the Consent Agenda for amendment and it was removed. Mr. DeOtte moved to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda Items 6a(2)-(9); Mr. Martinez seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. DeOtte moved to approve Item 6a(1) with his amendment and Mr. Martinez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Deliberation and action on amending the percentage required for the Contingency Reserve account

Mr. Jordan moved to approve the staff recommendation and Mr. Martinez seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- c. Deliberation and action on options for committing unspent funds from 2022 Budget
  - Mr. Pompa moved to approve that \$53,750 would be transferred to the Committed Fund for Technology, \$850,000 would be transferred to the Committed Fund for Pension Liabilities, and the board would authorize payment of the remaining \$1,415,000 out of the unspent 2022 funds to TCDRS to reduce TAD's unfunded liability. Any remaining amount would be credited to the taxing units. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- d. Deliberation and possible action on adopting a policy governing the filing of complaints by TAD employees with licensing or regulatory agencies
  - Mr. Pompa moved to approve the motion and policy as amended and Mr. Martinez seconded and the motion passed 4 to 0 with Mr. DeOtte abstaining.

Ms. Wilemon suggested that the evaluation be tabled until the January meeting. Mr. DeOtte asked to recess in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. It was decided to move to Items 7 and 8 first.

#### 7. Discussion Items

Discussion regarding Appointment of Agent (AoA) forms

Mr. Craig provided the board a blank 50-162 AoA form from the Comptroller's office, a copy of Section 1.111 of the Tax Code containing the laws, and a copy of the Comptroller's Rule 9.3044 of the Texas Administrative Code. Discussion was had regarding the responsibilities of the comptroller, the agents, and the appraisal districts.

#### 8. Information Items

- a. Report by Taxpayer Liaison Officer
- b. Report by ARB Chairman
- c. Report by Chief Appraiser
- 9. Recess to executive Session Pursuant to the following part(s) of the Texas Open Meetings Act Government Code Ch. 551, for the following purposes:
  - a. Section 551.074 To deliberate on and evaluate the job performance of the Executive Director/Chief Appraiser.

At 11:25am, the board recessed into executive session as provided in Item 9 of the Agenda. At 12:09pm.the Board returned to Open Session as provided in Item 10 of the Agenda.

### 10. Return to Open Session

a. Vote on any matters considered in executive session.

No action was taken after the return to Open Session.

# 6. e. Deliberate and act on Evaluation of the Executive Director/Chief Appraiser

Ms. Wilemon suggested this item be tabled until the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Martinez moved for this action and Mr. DeOtte seconded. The vote was unanimous.

# 11. Propose Future Agenda Items; Set Next Meeting Date; Adjourn

Mr. DeOtte suggested that releasing the full Walsh Gallegos report be added as a future agenda item. There was no second to Mr. DeOtte's suggestion. However, Mr. Pompa suggested having himself and Mr. DeOtte meet with the Board's attorney to review the full report for any material findings that may need to be released to the public. Mr. Pompa and Mr. DeOtte agreed to review the report and meet with the Board's attorney. No action was taken to place this item on a future agenda.

The next meeting date is scheduled for Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The meeting was adjourned at 12:17pm.

Kathryn Wilemon, Chairman

Rich DeOtte, Secretary