

# Williamson Central Appraisal District

## Board of Directors Meeting

### Minutes of November 14, 2024

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Jon Lux, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Williamson Central Appraisal District Board of Directors to order Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Board members present; Jon Lux, Lora Weber, Hope Hisle-Piper, Michael Wei, Lisa Birkman, Larry Gaddes, Mike Sanders, and Mason Moses. Quorum declared. Harry Gibbs was absent.

Some of the District's management staff were in attendance.

#### Pledges of Allegiance

#### Receipt of Public Comments

There were no public comments.

#### Taxpayer Liaison Officer's Report

##### Report on Property Owner Contacts

Glenda Williams, the District's Taxpayer Liaison Officer, was present to report on the status of her contact with property owners.

#### Consent / Possible Action Items

*The consent agenda includes non-controversial and routine items that the Board may act on with one single vote. Any Board member may pull any item from the consent agenda in order that the Board discuss and act upon it individually as part of the regular agenda.*

#### Consent Agenda Items:

Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors for the regular meeting – October 9, 2024

Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors for the regular meeting – October 23, 2024

#### Monthly Financials

#### Quarterly Investment Report

Weber moved for approval of the consent agenda items as presented. Birkman seconded. The motion carried.

#### Appointment of Appraisal Review Board Members

Moses reported that the Appraisal Review Board (ARB) Committee, made up of himself, Hisle-Piper and Sanders had conducted interviews with the eight individuals who had applied for the ARB. He indicated that the committee was looking for people who would objectively review data. Moses felt confident moving forward with the people who were returning for another term.

## 130RSWC Exemption Consultation with Attorney

Executive Session ended at 10:43 a.m.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

The Board recessed from 10:43 a.m. to 10:46 a.m.

Executive Session, per Government Code Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters, began at 10:46 a.m.

### Chief Appraiser Evaluation & Chief Appraiser Compensation

Executive Session ended at 11:15 a.m.

Sanders moved to increase the salary of the Chief Appraiser by five percent and provide a four percent bonus (*performance stipend as in contract*). Weber seconded. The motion carried.

Moses made a motion to rescind the original motion adopted at the October 23, 2024 Board Meeting pertaining to the Chief Appraiser compensation. Sanders seconded. The motion carried.

Birkman moved to accept the Chief Appraiser evaluation as presented. Wei seconded. The motion carried.

Lux expressed his appreciation to Lankford for all his hard work and efforts. It was mentioned that the public Board election duties would be added into the Chief Appraiser job description and evaluation. Weber requested a standing Board agenda item be included regarding any major economic development occurring in Williamson County. Birkman expressed that these items would need to be listed specifically. Lankford indicated that he would consult with the District's attorney and provide an update at the January Board Meeting.

Sanders commented on the efficiency of the District. Lankford expressed his appreciation to staff for their efforts.

### Annual Review of Board of Directors Policy (Resolution #2024-06)

Lankford mentioned Sanders' request regarding updating the Board's policy pertaining to appointed and elected Board members. Sanders had discussed matching the statutes. Weber commented that the process by the taxing units is an election process and she wanted it to be clear that they are taxing unit elected members because of that process. She also commented on the inconsistencies throughout the Board's policy.

Lankford reviewed the changes in the policy. He also mentioned that he had been in contact with other large appraisal districts and was working with one of the District's attorneys regarding a Chief Appraiser grievance policy. Sanders suggested rather than indicating "publicly elected" to note these individuals as "taxpayer elected". Discussion followed.

The Board discussed the few things in the tax code that allow for removal of an ARB member. The possibility of adding verbiage pertaining to this to the Board's policy was discussed.

Lankford informed the members that the resolution number showing on the agenda should have listed 2024-06, not 2024-01.

## WCAD Annual Report

Lankford mentioned the District's annual report and indicated that this report is published on the WCAD website.

## Lawsuit, Arbitration and SOAH Reports

Lankford mentioned the lawsuit and binding arbitration reports. There were no State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) on which to report.

## Community Care Year-End Fundraising

Lankford reminded the Board of the fundraising the District participates in throughout the year for the community. He informed them that year-end donations are also collected and invited the members to join with staff in providing a donation.

## WCAD Christmas Party Reminder

Lankford reminded the Board of the District's Christmas Party that was scheduled to take place on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at Cimarron Hills Country Club. He invited the Board to attend.

## Board Agenda Additions for Future Meeting

- Hisle-Piper – definitions for the Board Policy
- Birkman – updates on Samsung and the water plant
- Weber – ongoing agenda item regarding major economic development

## Board Announcements

- Lux was congratulated for being recognized by Representative John Carter for his service after leaving the military.
- Wei and Gaddes were congratulated for winning their election races.

The Board had previously set the following meeting date:

Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 9 a.m. ~ Regular Board Meeting

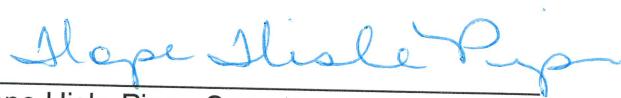
The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,



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Jon Lux, Chairman



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Hope Hisle-Piper, Secretary