

**THE FORT BEND CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 15, 2017
*Corrected***

Board members present: Jim Kij, Chairman; Paul Stamatis, Vice Chairman; Rhonda Zacharias, Secretary; Al Abramczyk, Financial Officer; Sam Mayson, Director and Patsy Schultz, Ex-officio Member.

Board members absent: None.

District personnel present: Glen Whitehead, Chief Appraiser; Aleida McDaniel, Assistant Chief Appraiser and Krisha Langton, HR Director.

Districts Legal Counsel: Joe Longoria, Attorney

Others present: Allan Moody, District Liaison Officer and Burke Sunday with GBS and several members of the public.

Call to order: Chairman Kij opened the regular meeting at 4:30 p.m. and declared a quorum present.

Invocation: The invocation was led by Patsy Schultz and pledges of allegiance by Financial Officer Abramczyk.

Minutes of previous meeting: Chairman Kij asked the Board to review the April 13, 2017 and April 24, 2017 minutes. Financial Officer Abramczyk made a motion to accept both minutes as presented. Secretary Zacharias seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Director Mayson asked to abstain from the April 24, 2017 minutes since he was absent.

Employee of the Month Award: Krisha Langton, presented to the Board of Directors the Employee of the month for March, Rosio Tellez.

Recognition of Employee anniversary: None.

Public Comments: Chairman Kij asked if there were any comments from the public.

John Spears – went over the results of the 2016 Fort Bend County vs State results for the ARB.

Jerry Mosbacher – stated he was upset that the BOD made a comment that they [the board of directors] thought everything was okay because the room wasn't filled with taxpayers at a meeting. He also stated that he was from Weston Lakes and doesn't think there is a fair process in place for taxpayers.

Lawrence Meleski – stated he was from Weston Lakes and his interior lot is higher than the golf course and waterfront lots. He was told by Glen Whitehead that someone would come out and look at his property, but that hasn't happened yet.

Cheryl Slainsky – stated her home was built in 2003 and her lot has gone up 147.9% or \$92,000 in 3 years. She stated that there needs to be a break for senior citizens.

Elizabeth Robbins – stated she is fed up with the unfair system. She quoted, "The average homeowner in Fort Bend County pays double the amount of taxes than any other county in Texas." She stated that people are moving out of Fort Bend because of the taxes.

David Vrshek – stated he was not happy with the school tax exemption. He said when you have a cap the exemption doesn't come from the cap, just the appraised value and doesn't help. He wanted to make a positive comment and said the phone system we have in place now is great.

Zach Muller – wants to better know the process and wanted to know what happens with the information the Board gathers from the citizens.

Selvakumar Gopal – stated he was here to learn more about the process and what is driving up the taxes.

Chief Appraiser's Staff Reports:

Monthly Financials:

Chief Appraiser Whitehead went over the monthly financials and staff reports. The delivery of the steel for the building has not happened, but should be here in the next week or two. The new parking lot by the ARB building is open and being used.

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| Total CAD Budget | \$11,941,313.00 | Pro-rata% | 66.30% |
| Total Accum. Expenditures | <u>\$ 5,957,804.85</u> | Budget % Expended | <u>49.89%</u> |
| Remaining Balance | \$ 5,983,508.15 | Running under budget | 16.41% |
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| Total Revenue | \$272,781.37 | Current YTD Revenue | \$8,479,729.07 |
| Total Expenditures | <u>\$706,253.00</u> | Current YTD Expenditures | <u>\$5,957,804.85</u> |
| Monthly Underage | \$433,471.63 | YTD Overage | \$2,521,924.22 |

Mr. Moody, Liaison Officer, went over his reports for April and year to date.

New Business:

Consideration and action on payment of outstanding vouchers: Vice Chairman Stamatis made a motion to approve the outstanding vouchers in the amount of \$205,345.61 as presented. Secretary Zacharias seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Consideration and action of amendment to Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. consulting agreement: Burke Sunday from GBS went over the agreement. Financial Officer Abramczyk made a motion to amend the agreement effective June 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017, for a yearly amount of \$26,208 to be paid monthly. Director Mayson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Board convened into closed executive session at approximately 5:32 p.m.

The Board reconvened from the closed executive session at approximately 5:54 p.m.

Items from the Board Members: Patsy Schultz wanted Chief Appraiser Whitehead to know the data file for the flood disaster properties was great.

Secretary Zacharias wants information to be posted on the district website.

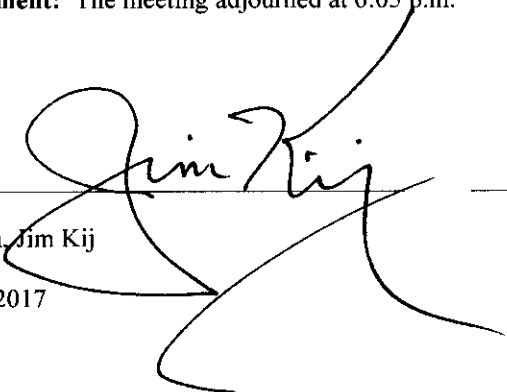
Financial Officer Abramczyk thanked Patsy Schultz for hosting the BOD meeting.

Vice Chairman Stamatis stated with the number of taxpayers that addressed the Board today, probably equaling the total number he has seen address the Board since he has been on the board; there appears to be a level of ignorance of the scope of responsibility, duties and control this Board has. He would like to encourage Chief Appraiser Whitehead to do anything he can on our website to provide education to the taxpayers.

Chairman Kij supports Vice Chairman Paul's comment that we need to get out the facts of the Board. He wants to also encourage Chief Appraiser Whitehead to get out in front of the public as often as he can to do presentations.

Announcements: The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Monday, June 19, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Appraisal District.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Chairman, Jim Kij

June 19, 2017