

RUSK COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

April 16, 2026

Board of Directors present were Mr. Drew Butler, Mrs. Nesha Partin, Mr. Pat McCrory, and Mr. Clifford Harkless. Mr. Denny Eby was absent. Chief Appraiser, Weldon R. Cook was also in attendance.

With a quorum present, Mr. Butler opened the meeting.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Harkless motioned that the minutes of the February 12, 2026 meeting be approved as presented seconded by Mr. McCrory. Motion passed.

W. Cook presented the recommended changes to the Rusk County Appraisal District Employee Handbook addressing district travel Lodging and Meals. W. Cook stated that the new policy would follow the same policy as Rusk County which is the Federal Travel Regulation System. After discussion Mr. Harkless motioned to approve these changes, Mr. McCrory seconded the motion. Motion passed .

W. Cook stated to the board that they needed to un-commit/re-commit the fund balances for each account for the Rusk County Appraisal District as follows:

Building Reserve Acct #001011160060 – 04.10.2026 balance \$38,775.20
Contingency Fund Acct #001011160079 – 04.10.2026 balance \$50,648.05
Legal Reserve Acct #001011457675 – 04.10.2026 balance \$79,735.36
RCAD General Fund Acct #000003004376 – 04.10.2026 balance \$607,473.45
CDs (6) – 04.10.2026 balance \$243,593.48

2025 Budget	\$1,768,444.00
2025 Actual Expenses	\$1,739,364.00
2025 Excess Funds	\$29,080.00

W. Cook recommended the BOD re-commit the funds as follows:

Building Reserve Acct #4259882 – **\$38,775.20**
Contingency Fund Acct #4259890 – **\$50,648.05**
Legal Reserve Acct #4259904 – **\$79,735.36**
RCAD General Fund Acct #4259912 – **\$578,393.45 – using the excess funds to pay down TCDRS Retirement**
CDs - **\$243,593.48**

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After discussion with W. Cook on the appraisal districts needs for the 2027 year, Mr. Harkless motioned to un-commit/re-commit these fund balances seconded by Mrs. Partin. Motion passed.

W. Cook presented to the BOD the new appointed ARB Chairman and Secretary as appointed by the local administrative judge.

W. Cook presented to the BOD with the 2027 proposed budget of \$1,989,360 which did not include the increase to the TCDRS retirement plan but would use reserve funds from interest on the RCAD accounts and/or excess funds from prior years budgets.

In the Chief Appraiser's comments:

W. Cook stated that 2027 notice of appraised values had been mailed out on April 15, 2026.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until their next meeting.

Chairperson

Secretary