

RUSK COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

April 22, 2025

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

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

There was no public comment.

Mr. McCrory motioned that the minutes of the January 28, 2025 meeting be approved as presented seconded by Mr. Harkless. Motion passed.

W. Cook reviewed with the BOD, Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.15 – Ex Parte Communications.

W. Cook presented to the BOD the Rusk County Appraisal District Standard on Communications. After review and discussion, Mr. Eby motioned to approve the Standard on Communications as submitted to the BOD. Mrs. Partin seconded the motion, motion passed.

W. Cook presented to the BOD with the 2026 proposed budgets. Option #1 of \$1,867,632 which included the increase to the TCDRS retirement plan that the BOD approved in their October 31, 2024 BOD meeting. Option #2 of \$1,818,281 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. After discussion Mr. Eby motioned to approve Option #2 of \$1,818,281 for the 2026 budget. Mr. McCrory seconded the motion, motion passed.

In the Chief Appraiser's comments:

W. Cook discussed over 23,000 notices of appraised value had been mailed out on April 15, 2025. He also stated that this had been a very busy legislative session with a lot of focus on lowering property taxes.

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


Chairperson


Secretary