



Minutes: May 21, 2015

The El Paso Central Appraisal District Board of Directors held its regular meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2015 in the Conference Room of the El Paso Central Appraisal District located at 5801 Trowbridge Drive, El Paso, Texas. The meeting was initiated by Chairman Jerry Romero at 5:01 p.m. with the following members present:

Jerry Romero	Ed Archuleta
Gary Gandara	Dee Margo
Benjamin Morales	Paul Pearson
Laure Searls	

There was a quorum, with seven members present. Mr. Joe Longoria, legal counsel, was in attendance for the entire meeting.

Mr. Vincent Perez joined the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

First order of business was to recite the pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mr. Romero announced that EPCAD staff was doing a trial-run on live-streaming the Board of Directors' meeting. Ms. Kilgore added that at this point in time it was accessible via the EPCAD website.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM 1

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 12, 2015

Ms. Laure Searls moved to approve the Minutes from March 12, 2015. Mr. Margo seconded the motion. Chairman Romero called the vote; the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 2

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Kilgore introduced Ms. Bertha M. Johnson and informed the Board that Ms. Johnson had been with EPCAD for 25 years and was one of EPCAD's first Field Specialists. Board members congratulated Ms. Johnson on her dedicated service.

Ms. Imelda M. Osburn was not present to receive her recognition from the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 3

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE 2015/2016 EPCAD BUDGET

In order to comply, while ensuring the efficiency of this "Public Comment" item, the EPCAD Board of Directors will limit said public comment to five (5) minutes, unless the majority of a quorum of the Board votes to allow more time for the given item. Public comment requires no action from the Board.

Public comment on the EPCAD Proposed 2015/2016 Budget was not made.

Ms. Kilgore informed Chairman Romero that comments regarding the budget had not been received from the public or from the entities.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM 4

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADOPTION OF 2015/2016 EPCAD BUDGET

Chairman Romero turned-over the discussion to Ms. Laure Searls, Chairman of the Budget Committee.

Ms. Searls informed the Board that the Budget Advisory Committee had an extensive review of the budget and received recommendations from the April 16 Budget Workshop; the committee discussed the issues and received feedback from EPCAD staff in response to the committee's questions. She continued that the committee's recommendation was to approve the budget as submitted to them.

Mr. Romero asked if Ms. Searls was making a motion to approve the budget. Ms. Searls responded that she was making a motion to approve the budget. Mr. Gandara seconded the motion.

Mr. Archuleta inquired if the recommended changes made at the budget workshop had been included. Ms. Kilgore affirmed that the changes regarding performance based merits for a specific number of employees along with the other recommendations had been made. Chairman Romero called the vote; the motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5

PUBLIC COMMENT

This is a regular agenda item required by Section 6.04(d), Texas Property Tax Code.

In order to comply, while ensuring the efficiency of the "Public Comment" regular agenda item, the EPCAD Board of Directors will limit said public comment to five (5) minutes per item, unless the majority of a quorum of the Board votes to allow more time for a given item. Public comment requires no action from the Board.

Public comment was not made.