August 16, 2023

The Montague County Tax Appraisal District Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 3:35 p.m. in the Montague County Tax Appraisal District Meeting Room.

Members present were David Fenoglio, Tom Jenkins, Bret Meekins, Randy West, and Kathy Phillips. A quorum was determined present and the meeting called to order by David Fenoglio.

Minutes of the May 24, 2023 meeting were presented for approval. Randy West motioned to accept the minutes, Kathy Phillips seconded. The minutes were approved by all members present.

Appraisal Review Board Corrections & Supplements (approved by the Appraisal Review Board on June 28, 2023, July 13, 2023 and July 18, 2023) were presented for consideration. A motion to approve the ARB Corrections & Supplements as presented was made by Tom Jenkins, seconded by Randy West and approved by all members present.

The 2024 Appraisal Budget was presented for consideration. Bret Meekins made a motion to accept the budget. Randy West seconded the motion and was approved by all members present.

The 2024 Tax Collections Budget was presented for consideration. Bret Meekins made a motion to accept the budget. Randy West seconded the motion and was approved by all members present.

Chief Appraiser, Kim Haralson, presented the Liaison's Report from Wendy Chambers. No complaints have been received.

Kim Haralson presented the Chief Appraiser's report.

Letters will be going out in the next week to entities regarding the election of the Board of Directors.

Values for 2023 were certified reflecting both the \$40,000 homestead exemption for schools and the \$100,000 homestead exemption for schools. The election in November will determine which amount of exemption homestead properties will receive off the school portion of the taxable values.

Approximately 2400 protests were received for the 2023 protest season. About thirty of the protests were taken before the ARB. The new software NextARB was very helpful in processing all the protests received.

Western Valuation and Consulting began appraising in the City of Nocona and Nocona Hills.

The district is working with the entities to get tax rates set in order to send out tax statements in October reflecting the \$100,000 homestead exemption. The Over 65 homesteads from 2018 forward are being recalculated using the compression rate. This amount will be taken off the 2023 amount of taxes due.

Kim Haralson and Tammie Messer attended the TAAD Legislative Update conference August 14-15, 2023 in Fort Worth. There were more updates this year than since the office was created. Starting in 2024, non-homestead properties will go up no more than 20% in a year.

The new appraisal clerk, Ruth Shepherd will begin August 21, 2023.

This is the last year the postcards regarding entities setting tax rates will be sent to taxpayers.

Public Comments: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Randy West, seconded by Tom Jenkins and approved by all members present.

Secretary

President