

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**HOWARD CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 19, 2023**

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The Board of Directors of the Howard Central Appraisal District (HCAD) convened for their Regular Meeting on July 19, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. Directors present were Scott Emerson, Craig Wyrick, Noel Hoff, and Mike Dawson. Clarissa Teichman and Julie Duke represented the HCAD.

**Opening of Meeting**

Scott Emerson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m., announced that the meeting had been duly posted and that a quorum was present.

The Board stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The opportunity for public comments was offered by the Chairman. Randy Johnson, Howard County Judge, addressed the Board regarding the difficulty in retaining employees and the importance of providing good benefits.

Craig Wyrick moved to open a Public Hearing for HCAD, 2024 Budget. Noel Hoff seconded the motion. Approved 4 to 0. No one addressed the Board on the 2024 Budget. Craig Wyrick moved to close the hearing. Scott Emerson seconded the motion. Approved 4 to 0.

**Regular Business**

Craig Wyrick moved to approve the minutes dated June 14, 2023. Noel Hoff seconded the motion; it was approved 4 to 0.

Noel Hoff moved to approve the Bills and Financial Reports for June 2023. Scott Emerson seconded the motion; it was approved 4 to 0.

**New Business**

Craig Wyrick moved to stay with BC/BS and to keep the same plan and deductibles that the district currently has. Noel Hoff seconded the motion; it was approved 4 to 0.

The Board discussed the fact that the district was paying for Dental, Vision, and Disability Insurance with Guardian for the employee, when the HCAD Employee Personal Policy says that the district shall pay for the employees Group Health and Life insurance coverage approved by the Board. Any additional coverage will be at the expense of the employee. Scott Emerson moved that the district will only pay for the Life Insurance coverage through Guardian effective January 1, 2024, and if the employee wants to keep the additional coverages, the employee pay for it. Craig Wyrick seconded the motion; it was approved 3 to 1.

Craig Wyrick requested that we take a brief recess at 1:17 pm, Craig Wyrick returned to the meeting at 1:22 pm and the meeting continued.

Noel Hoff moved that the Board adopt the 2024 Budget as presented. Craig Wyrick seconded the motion; it was approved 4 to 0.

There was a discussion regarding moving the remaining balance in the Money Market account to the Checking Account and close the Money Market Account. These funds would be applied to the final payment to Harris Govern Software. Noel Hoff moved to move the funds and close the account. Craig Wyrick seconded the motion; it was approved 4 to 0.

**Chief Appraiser Report**

Julie Duke gave the Chief Appraiser Report. She informed the Board that for 2023 the district has 181,434 accounts and 4509 accounts were protested. This is a 2.4 % protest ratio, accounts currently in ARB are 26, a .011%. Parcels still under protest are 426 which are mainly minerals. A total market value of \$8,642,746,062, still under protest \$124,233,659. Alon Refinery settled all of their protest. Julie reported that ARB will approve the records on 7-20-23, and Clarissa will certify on July 25, 2023.

The new Homestead exemption, if passed, will be retroactive for 2023 according to the State of Texas.

The district has one vacancy for the ARB Coordinator.

Julie Duke updated the Board that HCAD has two (2) pending lawsuits, Twin Eagles and Solaris.

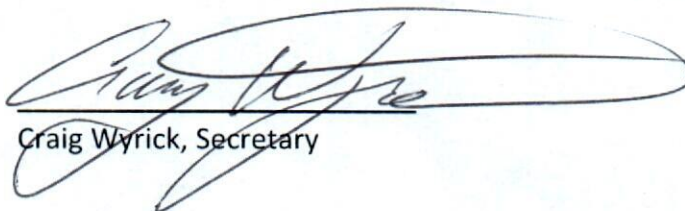
Julie Duke stated there were no Adverse Findings.

Julie Duke stated there were no changes in the budget.

Craig Wyrick moved to adjourn the meeting, Noel Hoff seconded the motion; it was approved 4 to 0. Meeting Adjourned at 1:59 p.m.



Scott Emerson, Chairman



Craig Wyrick, Secretary