

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**

The Wood County Appraisal District Board of Directors met at 8:00 A.M., Thursday, May 18, 2023 in the Board Room, 210 Clark Street, Quitman, Texas for a regular meeting.

Members present: Sam Curry, Al Harris, Johnny Johnson, Danny Jackson, and Dan Strickland. Absent: Carol Taylor. Present from the appraisal district: Tracy Nichols and Rhonda Arrington recording secretary. Visitor present: Luke Arnold

Sam Curry called the meeting to order, and Al Harris gave the invocation.

Luke Arnold with Arnold Walker & Arnold went over the 2022 financial audit. Dan Strickland made the motion to approve the 2022 audit with Danny Jackson making the second. Motion Carried.

Dr. Johnson made the motion to approve Arnold Walker & Arnold as auditor for the 2023 annual audit. Danny Jackson made the second. Motion carried.

2024 proposed budget was discussed which included the addition of two employees. Two employees retiring, legislative changes and the increase in protests being filed each year are the primary reasons. In 2019 1,359 protests were filed, in 2020 2,153 filed, in 2021 1,903 filed, in 2022 2,349 filed and so far 1,800 filed in 2023. The rest of the proposed 2024 budget was discussed. Dr. Johnson made the motion to approve the proposed 2024 budget to be presented to the entities. Dan Strickland made the second. Motion carried.

Dr. Johnson made the motion to approve the revised employee handbook. Al Harris made the second. Motion carried.

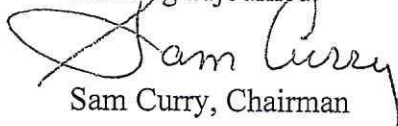
Dan Strickland made the motion to approve financial reports as presented. Danny Jackson made the second. Motion carried.

Danny Jackson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented and Al Harris made the second. Motion carried.

Chief Appraiser's Report: Legislative changes that pertain to appraisal districts were discussed and changes to the appraisal roll.

Agenda Items: meet June 21, 2023, for 2024 budget hearing and approval of 2024 budget.

Dan Strickland made the motion to adjourn at 9:28. Al Harris made the second.
Meeting adjourned


Sam Curry, Chairman


Danny Jackson, Secretary