

**Tarrant Appraisal District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2021**

Due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 epidemic, the June 11, 2021, meeting accommodated attendance of members of the Board and participation by the public either in person or by telephone conference call. Doing so was in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act; suspensions of certain requirements of the Act announced by the Office of the Governor on March 16, 2020, that remain in effect; and applicable directives and guidance from the Governor since the state of disaster was first declared on March 13, 2020, and was most recently on June 4, 2021, extended for 30 days. A quorum of members of the Board attended in person at Tarrant Appraisal District offices.

These Minutes are a summary of only the subjects of the Board addressed and the actions it took. For details, see the Agenda, complete Agenda Packet, and full Audio Recording of the June 11, 2021, meeting that are posted on Tarrant Appraisal District's website at this URL:

<https://www.tad.org/about/board-of-directors/>

Times noted in parentheses below refer to that Audio Recording and are approximate.

Members present:

Ms. Kathryn Wilemon, Chairman

Mr. Rich DeOtte, Secretary

Ms. Wendy Burgess (left meeting at approx. 1:28:39)

Mr. Gary Losada

Mr. J. R. Martinez

Mr. Tony Pompa (joined meeting at approx. 0:10:00; left meeting at 3:48:22)

Also participating:

Mr. Jeff Law, Chief Appraiser

Ms. Catherine Alder, District's attorney

Ms. Wilemon called the meeting to order; Mr. Law verified the present of a quorum and the timely posting of notice of the meeting; Pastor Todd Campbell delivered the invocation and led the pledges of allegiance. The Board then took up the following Agenda items:

4. Recognize Visitors; Hear Public Comments (starts at 0:03:35)

The Board recognized and/or heard comments from Mr. Daniel Joe Bennett (starts at 0:04:59); District's attorneys Mr. David Tabor, Mr. Chris Jackson, Mr.

Peter Smith, and Mr. Braden Metcalf to join meeting later (*starts at 0:09:25*); Mr. Kurt Myers (*starts at 0:10:53*); Mr. Keith Ellis and Mr. Kent Allison (*starts at 0:10:59*); and Mr. Chandler Crouch (*starts at 0:11:43*)

5. Action Items (*starts at 0:17:45*)

- a. Consideration and action regarding approval of the minutes from June 3, 2021 budget workshop meeting. (*starts at 0:17:45*)

Mr. DeOtte moved to approve; Mr. Pompa seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Review and approve professional service agreements, billing agreements in an amount exceeding \$50,000 on an annual basis or that exceed or are expected to exceed \$50,000 on an annual basis. Based on 2020 total payments, 2021 projected total payments and projected total payments in the proposed 2022 budget. The following payees fit or fall just under these criteria. (Starting at 0:19:00)

- Ardent Creative, Inc.
- Aumentum Technologies, a Division of Manatron, Inc.(end user license agreements)
- Aumentum Technologies, a Division of Manatron, Inc. (maintenance escrow)
- Catherine Jane Alder, P.C.
- CoStar Realty Information, Inc.
- Frost Insurance Agency, Inc.
- Kurt Myers, previously also J.K. Consulting, LLC
- Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager & Smith, L.L.P.
- Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P.
- Pictometry International Corp.
- Pritchard & Abbott, Inc.
- Tarrant County
- Trepp, LLC

(*starts at 0:19:05*)

Mr. Losada moved that we not continue the relationship with Ms. Alder as it's currently structured and on the guaranteed minimum salary of \$32,370 a month. Mr. DeOtte seconded. (*starts at 2:26:26*)

Mr. Losada amends his motion to say: Effective July 30, 2021, the billing agreement arrangement with Ms. Alder will cease to exist. (*starts at 3:04:20*)

Mr. Losada restated: My motion is that we discontinue the current billing agreement with Catherine Alder effective immediately. (*starts at 3:12:59*) Mr. Losada again restated again, in substantially the same wording, as an

amendment of his motion. *(starts at 3:14:46)* Mr. DeOtte seconded. Mr. DeOtte and Mr. Losada voted for; Mr. Pompa, Mr. Martinez, and Ms. Wilemon voted against; and the motion failed. *(starts at 3:15:40)*

Mr. DeOtte moved that the Alder billing agreement be put on the next agenda on August 13 to vote on a new billing agreement, including scope and fee arrangement. *(starts at 3:15:58)* Mr. Losada seconded. The motion passed unanimously. *(starts at 3:22:51)*

Mr. DeOtte moved to authorize the billing agreements with the Perdue firm and the Nichols firm to continue. *(starts at 3:25)* Mr. Pompa seconded. The motion passed unanimously. *(starts at 3:25:19)*

The Board recessed *(starts at 3:26:35)* and reconvened *(at 3:27:40)*. Mr. Pompa later left the meeting *(at 3:48:22)* but the meeting continued with a quorum present.

Mr. Martinez moved to approve the Kurt Meyers agreement; Mr. DeOtte seconded; and the motion passed unanimously. *(starts at 4:03:07)*

- c. Consideration and action regarding adding or modifying the following items in the proposed 2022 budget to be delivered to taxing units before June 15 *(starts at 4:03:48)*

- i. Legal fees and other litigation costs

Mr. DeOtte moved to go to \$1.25 million for legal fees and other litigation costs and that if we spend more than that we pull it out of reserves. Mr. Losada seconded. *(starts at 4:16:49)* Mr. DeOtte and Mr. Losada voted for; Mr. Martinez and Ms. Wilemon voted against; and the motion failed. *(starts at 4:18:42)*

Mr. Losada moved that legal fees and other litigation costs for the preliminary budget be set at \$1.25 million. *(starts at 4:18:56)* There being no second, the motion failed.

Mr. DeOtte moved that we accept the \$1.4 million for legal fees and litigation costs. Mr. Martinez seconded. Mr. DeOtte, Mr. Martinez, and Ms. Wilemon voted for; Mr. Losada voted against; and the motion carried. *(starts at 4:21:10)*

- ii. Fees for general counsel focusing on governmental law *(starts at 4:07)*

Mr. DeOtte moved to tentatively put a line in the proposed 2022 budget to be delivered to the taxing units before June 15 of \$40K for fees for

general counsel focusing on governmental law; Mr. Losada seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. (starts at 4:08:40)

iii. Communications consulting services expenses (starts at 4:11)

Ms. Wilemon moved to tentatively put a line in the proposed 2022 budget to be delivered to the taxing units before June 15 of \$50K for starting fees for communications consulting services expenses; Mr. DeOtte seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. (starts at 4:11:57)

6. Discussion Items (starts at 4:23:34)

a. Discussion regarding TAD interaction with tax agents and other TAD agent concerns

7. Information Items (starts at 4:33:24)

a. Report by Taxpayer Liaison Officer (starts at 4:33:40)

b. Report by ARB Chairman (starts at 4:35:18)

c. Report by Chief Appraiser (starts at 4:45:34)

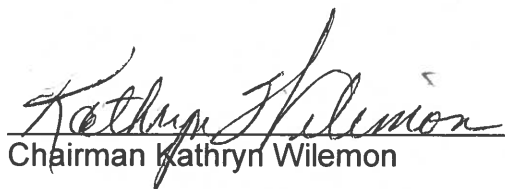
i. Report on 2021 appraisal notice mailing

ii. Report on 2021 preliminary taxable values

8. Propose Future Agenda Items; Set Next Meeting Date; Adjourn

Mr. DeOtte moved to adjourn but withdrew the motion. (starts at 4:25:43)

Mr. DeOtte moved to adjourn; Mr. Martinez seconded; and with unanimous approval the meeting adjourned. (starts at 4:47:16)


Chairman Kathryn Wilemon


Secretary Rich DeOtte