Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 14, 2021

Due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 epidemic, the May 14, 2021 meeting was conducted by telephone conference call in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, suspensions of certain requirements of the Act announced by the Office of the Texas Governor on March 16, 2020 and applicable directives and guidance from the Governor since the state of disaster was first declared on March 13, 2020. A quorum of members of the Board attended in person at Tarrant Appraisal District offices or remotely.

These Minutes are a summary of only the subjects the Board addressed and the actions it took. For details, see the Agenda, complete Agenda Packet, and full Audio Recording of the May 14, 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.

Members present:

Ms. Kathryn Wilemon, Chairman (left meeting at approx. 1:55:35)

Mr. Rich DeOtte, Secretary

Ms. Wendy Burgess (attended remotely; left meeting at approx. 0:60:00)

Mr. Gary Losada

Mr. J. R. Martinez (attended remotely; left meeting at approx. 0:51:00)

Mr. Tony Pompa

Also participating:

Mr. Jeff Law, Chief Appraiser

Ms. Catherine Alder, District's attorney

Ms. Wilemon called the meeting to order; Mr. Law verified the presence of a quorum (with all six members present in person or remotely) and the timely posting of notice of the meeting; Mr. DeOtte led the pledges of allegiance and Rev. Wooddell delivered the invocation. The Board then took up the following Agenda items.

4. Recognize Visitors; Hear Public Comments (starts at 0:05:48)

The Board recognized and heard comments from Mr. Chandler Crouch (*starts at 0:06:02*), Mr. Will Wiggins (*starts at 0:11:40*), Mr. Chris Bawcom (*starts at 0:19:37*), and Mr. Steven Dunson (*starts at 0:21:22*).

5. Action Items (starts at 0:31:22)

a. Consent Agenda Items (starts at 0:31:40)

Mr. DeOtte moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 5(a)(1) and 5(a)(2); Mr. Pompa seconded the motion; and the motion carried unanimously.

(1) Consideration and action regarding Approval of the Minutes from March 26, 2021 board meeting

The <u>Board of Directors Meeting Minutes March 26, 2021</u> approved are included in the Agenda Packet for this meeting.

(2) Consideration and action regarding Request for Approval of the Continued Periodic Replacement of Desktop Personal Computers (PCs)

Staff Recommendation Approved:

Move approval for the Continued Periodic Replacement of Desktop Personal Computers (PCs) for the TAD staff in an amount not to exceed \$39,000 utilizing Texas DIR contract CIE-TSO-3763.

(3) Consideration and action on the proposal that Board of Directors review professional service agreements in amounts exceeding \$50,000 on an annual basis at a budget workshop each year prior to the submission of a proposed budget to the tax units that participate in the TAD budget (having been removed from Consent Agenda and its discussion combined with discussion of Item 5(c), starts at 0:50:02)

Mr. DeOtte amended his previous motion on Item 5(a)(3) to state, "Consideration and action on the proposal that the Board of Directors review and approve on an annual basis professional service agreements, billing agreements in amounts exceeding \$50,000 on an annual basis or at such time that expenditures exceed \$50,000" (starts at 1:48:43); Mr. Losada seconded the motion as amended; Ms. Wilemon called for a vote on the motion as amended (starts at 1:54); Ms. Wilemon, Mr. DeOtte, Mr. Losada, and Mr. Pompa voted Yes; the motion on Item 5(a)(3) as amended passed unanimously.

b. Consideration and action regarding accepting the <u>Tarrant Appraisal District</u> Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended <u>December 31, 2020</u> (starts at 0:32:30)

- Mr. DeOtte moved to accept the Report; Mr. Pompa seconded the motion; all members voted and the motion passed unanimously. (starts at 0:49:50)
- c. Consideration and action on a proposal that professional service agreements greater than \$50,000 conform to an hourly billing measure unless other arrangements are approved by the Board of Directors (discussion included in discussion of Item 5(a)(3), starts at 0:50:02)

The Board took no action on Item 5(c).

- 6. Discussion Items
- 7. Information Items
- 8. Propose Future Agenda Items; Set Next Meeting Date; Adjourn

The meeting ended at about 1:55:35 without taking up Items 6 through 8.

Chairman Kathryn Wilemon Secretary Rich DeOtte