



MINUTES
Real-Edward Conservation and Reclamation District
Public Hearing on District FY 2020 Budget
Public Hearing on 2019 District Tax Rate
Special Open Meeting
September 11, 2019

The following members were present at the Public Hearing on District FY 2020 Budget for the Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District: Bob Burditt, Glynn Hendley, Grady Douglass, Sam Epperson, Pablo “Beatsie” Rubio, Rudy Gonzalez, Duane Wilson, and Roland “Tooter” Trees. Eight Board Members being present results in met quorum.

Also present was Office Assistant, Tina Ashley.

1. President Roland “Tooter” Trees called to order the Public Hearing on District FY 2020 Budget AND the Public Hearing on 2019 Tax Rate for the Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District at 6:18 PM.
 - a. Confirmed compliance with regulations for posting public notices of hearings.
 - b. Quorum of Board Members was met.
 - c. No guests present for public comment, and no discussion from Board Members.
 - d. Adjourn.

MOTION BY RUDY GONZALEZ / SECOND BY SAM EPPERSON / MOTION PASSED 8-0

2. President Trees called to order the Special Open Meeting of the Directors of Real-Edwards Conservation & Reclamation District at 6:24 PM.
 - a. Confirmed compliance with regulations for posting public notice for Special Meeting.
 - b. Quorum of Board Members was met.

- c. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence in remembrance of the 9/11/2001 terrorist attack was led by President Trees.
- d. No guests present for public comment.

3. Consider for Approval Edwards County 2019 Certified Tax Values:

Board members reviewed the information from Edwards Central Appraisal District. No questions or comments. 2019 Certified Tax Values were presented for approval.

MOTION BY GLYNN HENDLEY / SECOND BY DUANE WILSON / MOTION PASSED 8-0

4. Consider for Approval Real County 2019 Certified Tax Values:

Board members reviewed the information from Real County Appraisal District. No questions or comments. 2019 Certified Tax Values were presented for approval.

MOTION BY GRADY DOUGLASS / SECOND BY GLYNN HENDLEY / MOTION PASSED 8-0

5. Discussion on Input from Public Hearing on FY 2020 Budget.

No comments during hearing resulted in no discussion.

6. Consider for Approval Adoption of FY 2020 Budget. (Budgeted Expenses of \$209,942.00 and Revenues of \$223,328.00)

Board members reviewed the proposed budget that was reviewed by the Budget Committee (Grady Douglass, Beatsie Rubio, Cameron Blezinger, Joel Pigg, and Tina Ashley). Tina Ashley pointed out the new FY 2020 budget entries for consultant and West Texas (hiring of lobbyist for Texas legislation). President Trees clarified the amount for West Texas.

Budget Amendments for FY2019 were reviewed and will be voted on at the October 2019 regular meeting.

No further questions or comments. FY 2020 Budget was then presented for approval.

MOTION BY RUDY GONZALEZ / SECOND BY DUANE WILSON / MOTION PASSED 8-0

7. Discussion on input from Public Hearing on 2019 Tax Rate.

No comments during hearing resulted in no discussion.

8. Consider for Approval Tax Rate for FY 2019 (\$0.02/\$100 valuation)

Tina Ashley presented base calculations regarding figuring of proposed tax rate. Real County increased by \$0.51 per \$100 valuation. Edwards County decrease by \$1.92 per \$100 valuation. FY 2019 Tax Rate was presented for approval.

MOTION BY GRADY DOUGLASS / SECOND BY SAM EPPERSON / MOTION PASSED 8-0

Bob Burditt left meeting early to attend personal matter.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on District Auditor for FY 2019.

Board members discussed last year's auditor, Keith Neffendorf, and stated they were all satisfied with his prompt attention and thoroughness to the audit. Employing Keith Neffendorf was presented for approval.

MOTION BY SAM EPPERSON / SECOND BY RUDY GONZALEZ / MOTION PASSED 7-0

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Personnel/Budget Issues. *[May require closed session under Chapter 555:074.]*

- a. Discussion: President Trees presented Cameron Blezinger's letter of resignation and explained the issues for his departure. Being an at-will employee, attorney Shelia Gladstone confirmed all actions were within our legal scope. A motion was presented to accept his resignation.

MOTION BY RUDY GONZALEZ / SECOND BY DUANE WILSON / MOTION PASSED 7-0

- b. Board members went into executive session at 7:04 PM. Grady Douglass and Tina Ashley were excluded from the closed discussions. Open discussion resumed at 7:40 PM. No action or motion was made.

Directors' and General Manager's Comments. (No substantive deliberation or action will be taken on this agenda item. This item is on the agenda to provide an opportunity to bring to the public's and each other's attention important issues pertinent to the District.

Any substantive deliberation and formal action on any of these issues will be conducted under a specific item on a future agenda.)

11. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting. (Wednesday, October 23, 2019 @ 6:30 P.M.)

Adjourn.

MOTION BY SAM EPPERSON / SECOND BY RUDY GONZALEZ / MOTION PASSED 7-0

THEREFORE, ON THIS THE 23rd DAY OF OCTOBER 2019, THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

ATTEST:

Roland Trees, President

William R. Burditt, Vice-President