Approved August 18, 2020

## Minutes - 8-06-2020 Special Meeting

**Commissioners Present** 

<u>Commissioners Present via Teleconference</u>

Treasurer Dan O'Brien

Vice President Walt Krudop

Secretary Bob Luddy

**Others Present** 

Others Present via Teleconference

Doug Fowler, NHCESD#1 None

**Commissioners Absent** 

President Geoffrey Tahuahua Assistant Treasurer Dennis Lane

- A. CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm by Commissioner Luddy and confirmed a quorum. A teleconference option was exercised due to coronavirus restrictions. The meeting was recorded and is available upon request until it can be uploaded onto the website.
- **B.** CITIZEN COMMUNICATION None

## C. AGENDA

1. Consider taking action regarding the 2020-21 budget

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed 2020-21 Budget. The budget had been updated with calculations based upon the certified tax roll from the Hays Central Appraisal District. The Board adopted the budget with the following motion:

Motion by Commissioner O'Brien to approve the budget with the August changes as presented in the Board Packet. Second by Commissioner Luddy

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Luddy – Yea

Commissioner Krudop – Yea Commissioner O'Brien – Yea

Motion passed unanimously

- 2. Discuss and consider action regarding the 2020 tax rate, including:
  - a. establishing proposed tax rate

District Administrator (DA) Fowler reviewed the 2020 ad valorem Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet prepared by the Hays Central Appraisal District and highlighted the no-new-revenue tax rate, the voterapproval tax rate, and the de minimis tax rate. He further explained how the 2020-21 Budget was calculated using the rate of \$0.03/&100 valuation. The Board proposed to adopt an ad valorem tax rate with the following motion:

Motion by Commissioner O'Brien to approve an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.03 per \$100 valuation. Second by Commissioner Krudop

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Luddy – Yea

Commissioner Krudop – Yea Commissioner O'Brien – Yea

Motion passed unanimously

b. taking record vote and scheduling public hearing

DA Fowler reviewed the adopted tax planning calendar which listed August 18, 2020 at 5:00 pm as the date and time scheduled for the public hearing on the ad valorem tax rate. The Board approved the date and time of the public hearing with the following motion:

Motion by Commissioner O'Brien to approve August 18, 2020 at 5:00 pm. for the public hearing regarding the ad valorem tax rate. Second by Commissioner Krudop.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Luddy – Yea

Commissioner Krudop – Yea Commissioner O'Brien – Yea

Motion passed unanimously

c. authorizing publication of "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" in the Dripping Springs Century News

DA Fowler reviewed the adopted tax planning calendar in which legal counsel (the Carlton Law Firm) would produce the Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase to announce the public hearing as well as provide other required information, which is to be printed in the Dripping Springs Century News for publication on August 13, 2020. The Board authorized publication of the Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase with the following motion:

Motion by Commissioner O'Brien to authorize publication of Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase in the Dripping Springs Century News by legal counsel. Second by Commissioner Krudop.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Luddy – Yea

Commissioner Krudop – Yea Commissioner O'Brien – Yea

Motion passed unanimously

d. acknowledging and approving posting of tax rate notice and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" to home page of the District website.

DA Fowler reviewed the process detailed by legal counsel to provide the information required to be posted on the district website. The notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase for the district webpage has more information than the Notice published in the Dripping Springs Century News. A sample was provided by the Carlton Law Firm. The Board approved the posting of tax rate notice and Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase with the following motion:

Motion by Commissioner O'Brien to acknowledge and approve the posting of tax rate notice and Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase in the authorized format by legal counsel on the district website. Second by Commissioner Krudop

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Luddy - Yea

Commissioner Krudop – Yea Commissioner O'Brien – Yea

Motion passed unanimously

ADJOURNMENT - at 5:19 pm