MINUTES OF AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING COLEMAN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

The Agricultural Advisory Board of the Coleman County Appraisal District met on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, in the Appraisal District Office located at 105 S. Commercial Ave., Coleman, Texas.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum established at 1:32 p.m.

Present: Jack Knox, Mitzi Mays, Kevin McMahon, Michael Palmer, and appraisal district staff Eva Bush and Jayme Hawley.

Organize Board and Appoint Chairman: Jack Knox made the motion to elect Mitzi Mays as chairman with a second by Kevin McMahon. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the April 29, 2024, Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the April 29, 2024 meeting were read. Jack Knox made the motion to approve the minutes with a second by Kevin McMahon. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: No one was present.

Discussion and Completion of the 2024 Farm and Ranch Survey: Eva Bush asked if the Board had each received the Farm and Ranch Survey Instructional Guide sent to them prior to the meeting and all members indicated the receipt of the instructional guide. Eva Bush stated that additional copies of the survey along with the guide are available if anyone needs a copy to complete their survey. The 2024 Farm and Ranch Survey was then discussed and each board member completed the survey.

Discussion of agricultural leases and hunting leases was held. Members of the Board advised that hunting should be included as income on the cropland schedules since dove hunting is a major revenue for this type of land. It is not fair to just look at deer lease income for improved and native pastureland. There was a suggested range of \$15/acre - \$30/acre for dove leases in Coleman County. The Board members also indicated that the lease amounts for the cropland schedules seemed a little low, but no agreement was made as to the increases. No other changes were suggested that differed from the 2023 meeting.

The Board did not advise any changes to the agricultural use categories.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m. on a motion by Michael Palmer and a second to the motion by Kevin McMahon. The motion passed unanimously.

Eva Bush, Chief Appraiser

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