

**MINUTES OF AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
COLEMAN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**

The Agricultural Advisory Board of the Coleman County Appraisal District met on Monday, April 29, 2024, in the Appraisal District Office located at 105 S. Commercial Ave., Coleman, Texas.

A quorum was declared, and the meeting was called to order at 1:57 p.m. by Mitzi Mays, Chairman.

Present: Jack Knox, Mitzi Mays, Kevin McMahon, and appraisal district staff Eva Bush and Jayme Hawley. Also attending was LeMoine Knox.

The minutes of the October 4, 2023, meeting were read and approved on a motion by Jack Knox and seconded by Mitzi Mays. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: LeMoine Knox addressed the Agricultural Advisory Board about her concerns regarding Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and the efforts being made to get the landowners located within the containment and surveillance zone to communicate and cooperate with the Texas State Parks and Wildlife Commission. The goal is to work together to get the size of the area reduced and do all that is necessary to keep CWD from spreading.

There was much discussion about the presence of CWD and if it had any effect on the net income from the land within the containment or surveillance zone in Coleman County as referenced in the Texas Property Tax Code Section 23.51 (4). Also, there was discussion if there were any known changes to agricultural leases and hunting leases within the CWD containment or surveillance zone since discovery on December 5, 2023. Eva Bush, Chief Appraiser did remind everyone present that the net to land agricultural calculations are based on typical grazing and hunting leases. The income and expenses from deer breeding facilities and wildlife management areas are not typical and are not considered regarding the net to land agricultural calculations for Coleman County. Everyone agreed that these types of landowners could possibly be facing a decrease in revenue for the 2024-2025 hunting season. But again, these incomes are not typical and not in the typical ag calculations. No one present had any information regarding lower grazing or hunting lease rates within the containment or surveillance zone or even within the rest of Coleman County that lies outside CWD zone. It is too early to determine any negative financial impact. The consensus was to go ahead with the ag calculations as normal and the agricultural advisory board along with the appraisal district will address this issue as needed in the future as more information is disclosed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. on a motion by Kevin McMahon with a second by Jack Knox.



Eva Bush, Chief Appraiser
Coleman County Appraisal District