

This 18th Posted
day of July, 2025
at 9:52 AM

NOTICE

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DEAF SMITH COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025, AT 8:30 A.M. AT
140 E. 3RD STREET, HEREFORD, TEXAS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM**

AGENDA

- I. Roll Call/Recognition of Visitors
- II. Tax collections presentation by Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, Attorneys at Law.
- III. Open Forum or Public Comments.
- IV. Approve Minutes of last meeting, April 24, 2025.
- V. Review bills/purchases made with Maintenance funds.
- VI. Review purchases made with Investment funds (if any)
- VII. Public Hearing on 2026 Budget.
- VIII. Adoption of 2026 Budget.
- IX. Review legislative updates.
- X. Discuss Board of Director's nominations.
- XI. Discuss matters relating to the retirement of Danny Jones, Chief Appraiser
 - a. Amend Employee Policy Handbook (Replace "Danny Jones" with "Chief Appraiser").
 - b. Update TexPool Authorized Representatives.
 - c. Appoint the next Chief Appraiser.
- XII. Office Report
 - a. Current collections through June 30, 2025.
 - b. Update on recent ARB meeting.
 - c. 2nd Quarter Investment Reports.
 - d. Supplement Reports.

NOTE: EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board may retire to Executive Session anytime between the meeting's opening and adjournment for purposes of deliberating business authorized in Article 6252-17. Action, if any, will be taken in open session.

DATED THIS 18th DAY OF JULY 2025

Deaf Smith County Appraisal District

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Meeting Minutes for July 24, 2025

- I. Meeting called to order and visitors welcomed by Edward Allison at 8:30 a.m.
 - A. Members present:
 1. Edward Allison
 2. Carey Black
 3. David Brown
 4. Mike Brumley
 - B. Others present:
 1. Danny Jones, DSCAD Staff
 2. Mark Powers, DSCAD Staff
 3. Anthony Soto, DSCAD Staff
 4. Blake Newton; Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott
 5. Troy Seagler; Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott
 6. Danielle Bartels, Hereford ISD
 - C. Absent:
 1. Mike Bryant
- II. Blake Newton from Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott explained their role in helping collect delinquent property tax. This includes close communication with the appraisal district, sending their own collection letters, calling taxpayers (during business hours), filing suits, taking judgments, and eventually listing properties for sale. For 2024, the total levy is \$40,300,326.15, and 3% (or \$1,109,039.34) base tax remains to be collected. He mentioned that their goal is to get at least 70% percent of that collected by June 30 next year. Based on prior years, they're confident they can reach that.
- III. Open Forum began at 8:46 a.m. No comments were made, so the hearing was closed at 8:47 a.m.
- IV. Minutes of the April 24, 2025 meeting were reviewed.
 - A. Motion to approve by Carey Black,
 - B. 2nd by David Brown,
 - C. Approved unanimously.
- V. The bills for April, May and June 2025 were reviewed.
 - A. Motion to approve by Mike Brumley,
 - B. 2nd by David Brown,
 - C. Approved unanimously.
- VI. Purchases made with reserve (Investment) funds were reviewed.
 - A. Motion to approve by Carey Black,
 - B. 2nd by Mike Brumley
 - C. Approved unanimously.

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- VII. A public hearing on the 2025 Budget began at 8:50 a.m. Mr. Jones informed the Board that while the overall budget was down, Maintenance Agreements saw a significant increase. Mr. Powers explained that cybersecurity is important, and Mr. Jones added that BIS was the best. Mr. Brumley asked why there was a disparity in the employee health insurance. Mr. Soto explained that health insurance alone is about \$1500/month per employee and that a 15% increase is factored in that. The hearing was closed at 9:02 a.m.

Board members went into executive session at 9:03 a.m. and returned to open session at 9:33 a.m.

- VIII. Board members approved the 2026 Budget.
- A. Motion to approve by Mike Brumley,
 - B. 2nd by Carey Black,
 - C. Approved unanimously.
- IX. Mr. Powers informed the Board of recent legislative updates, specifically some that would be on the November ballot: exempting from ad valorem taxation animal feed for sale at retail, increasing the exempt amount of personal property (from \$2,500 to \$125,000), increasing the exempt amount of a residence homestead of an age 65 or older/disabled person (from \$10,000 to \$60,000), and increasing the exempt amount of a residence homestead (from \$100,000 to \$140,000)
- X. Mr. Jones asked board members present if they would be willing to serve another term before nomination letters are sent to the entities. Mr. Black said his current term would be his last.
- XI. The following items relating to the retirement of Danny Jones were discussed:
- A. Amending the Policies of Operation and Personnel Rules (commonly known as the Employee Policy Handbook) to replace "Danny Jones or Mark Powers" with "Chief Appraiser."
 1. Motion to approve by Carey Black,
 2. 2nd by Mike Brumley,
 3. Approved unanimously.
 - B. A resolution amending TexPool Authorized Representatives. Anthony Soto was selected to replace Danny Jones and Mike Brumley was selected to replace Carey Black.
 1. Motion to approve by Carey Black,
 2. 2nd by Edward Allison,
 3. Approved unanimously.
 - C. Mark Powers was appointed as the next Chief Appraiser, effective August 1, 2025.
 1. Motion to approve by Mike Brumley,
 2. 2nd by Carey Black,

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3. Approved unanimously.

XII. Office Report

- A. Danny Jones reported on the current tax collections through June 30, 2025.
- B. Danny Jones informed the board of the protest hearings held on July 16, 2025.
 - 5 were signed up for protest hearings-2 were no show's.
 - In addition, there were 100 informal protests and 226 protests filed.
- C. Mark Powers presented the 2025 2nd quarter Investment Report.
- D. The 2025 2nd quarter supplements were reported to board members.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Approved:

Date:

Edward Allison
Edward Allison, Chairperson

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