

THE STATE OF TEXAS§

THE COUNTY OF MILAM§

MILAM APPRAISAL DISTRICT
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

The **Agricultural Advisory Board** of the Milam Appraisal District convened in a regular meeting Wednesday, December 14, 2018, at the Milam Appraisal District Office, 120 North Houston Street, Cameron, Texas.

Attending:

Board Members:

Nelson Johnson
Arvin Jones
William Pagach
Rosemary Rains-Hoyt
Tracey Sadler

Staff:

Dyann White, Chief Appraiser
Lesley Sootoo, Deputy Chief Appraiser (Agricultural/Commercial)

Others:

None

Absent Board Members:

None

Item 1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Dyann White, Chief Appraiser at 10:00 a.m. The Chief Appraiser introduced the staff to the board.

Item 2. Appointments for Ag Advisory Board for 2018:

The Chief Appraiser explained that Arvin Jones and Rosemary Rains-Hoyt were appointed by the District Board of Directors for one-year only and that they would be reappointed in early 2019 for a two-year term. This is being done so that the Agricultural Advisory Board had staggered member terms.

Item 3. Discussion and review of the following items:

a) *Milam AD Agricultural Manual*

The Chief Appraiser reviewed the Agricultural Manual. She discussed the minimum requirements for receiving ag value on a property.

b) *Review Agricultural Survey*

The Chief Appraiser reviewed the survey with the Board. She pointed out on page 2 the lease agreement information and how important it is for the District to get this information in order to compile data to set productivity value.

The Chief Appraiser asked what is the average dry cropland lease? Mr. Pagach stated he pays anywhere from \$60 per acre for prime bottomland to \$20 per acre for hill land. The Chief Appraiser pointed out that share leases are still most typical for cropland and the Board agreed.

The Chief Appraiser asked about the pastureland. Mr. Jones stated that the average for improved pasture is \$20 to \$30 per acre. He said native pastureland is more in the range of \$10 - \$15 per acre.

c) *2018 Year in Review*

The Chief Appraiser asked the Board about the 2018 production. Mr. Johnson stated that they had about half of the typical crop yield and half of the typical hay production due to weather conditions. All of the other Board members agreed that weather (drought/flood) had taken a major toll on production in 2018.

d) *Concerns/Questions/Comments*

The Chief Appraiser asked if they had any other concerns or questions.

e) *Set Tentative Date for Next Meeting*

Everyone agreed to keep it at the same time next year during the first few weeks of December.

Item 4. Adjournment

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

NOTE: Written reports of any above listed items provided to all members are considered part of the minutes as reports.

Chief Appraiser

Attest:

Staff Member