



***The Walker County* Board of Assessor's Meeting** **At the Local Government Services Offices**

Regular Scheduled Meeting

July 11, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Agenda

- 1. Call the Meeting to Order**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting**
- 3. Update on the Server**
- 4. Update on the 2023 Appeals**
- 5. Approval of an Appeal Waiver & Release Form**
- 6. Appeals Filed Incorrectly by Fax or Email**
- 7. Conservation Request for Parcels with Less than 10 Acres:**
 0296 010A 0587 017C
 0366 011A 1059 009C
 0509 026
- 8. Approval List for Conservation Exemption**
- 9. Approve the 2023 Values**
- 10. Approve the 2023 Data File Export to the Tax Commissioner**
- 11. 2023/2024 Budget Approval**
- 12. Executive Session**

WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S MINUTES



DATE: Tuesday, July 11, 2023

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Conference Room of the Local Government Services Building

BOARD CHAIRMAN: Buddy Chapman

BOARD SECRETARY: Angela Ward

TYPE OF MEETING: Scheduled Meeting

CHIEF APPRAISER: Terry Gilreath

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Buddy Chapman

Melba Powell

Karen Deck

John Howard

Steve Ledbetter Virtual

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Angela Ward

Terry Gilreath

Sarah Flynn

Lynn Glenn

AGENDA TOPICS:

Meeting Called to Order

By Mr. Chapman at Time: 10:03 AM

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from June 20, 2023 meeting were reviewed and Mrs. Powell made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Ms. Deck made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Update on the Server

Discussion: Mr. Gilreath explained that they met with the My Business Hub people, Curtis and Shannon Whitfield. He said this is still a disaster and explained how passwords will expire every 90 days. Mr. Gilreath said someone will have to come to the office and reinstall all the passwords on every computer and re-path all of the drives on every computer. Mr. Gilreath said the Sheriff's Department is still having problems with their computer system. Mr. Ledbetter suggested a no confidence letter be sent to all commissioner's, we are going on three years of working with My Business Hub and they can't get it right.

Update on the 2023 Appeals

Discussion: Mr. Gilreath displayed the appeal count for the Board to review. He said our appeal percentage is well within range and will not hold up the digest.

Approval of an Appeal Waiver & Release Form for 0092 018

Discussion: The Board reviewed the form and Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the appeal waiver for 0092 018; Mrs. Powell made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Appeals Filed Incorrectly

Discussion: Ms. Flynn explained that this appeal is a picture of the appeal form with the original signature on it. She said the property owner couldn't print the form but was able to take a picture of it. Ms. Flynn said that the property owner did mail the picture within the date requirement. Mr. Howard made a motion to approve taking the appeal; Ms. Deck made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Conservation Request for Parcels with Less than 10 Acres:

Discussion: 0296 010A

Ms. Glenn explained that the property owner has 40 acres in conservation and it touches the 5.02 acres they are requesting conservation on. She said their qualifying use is timber. Ms. Deck made a motion to approve the request for conservation; Mrs. Powell made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: 0366 011A

Ms. Glenn explained that the property owner has 64.07 acres in conservation and it touches the 7.31 acres they are requesting conservation on. She said their qualifying use is timber. Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the request for conservation; Mr. Ledbetter made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: 0509 026

Ms. Glenn explained that the property owner has 11.76 acres in conservation and it touches the 7.43 acres they are requesting conservation on. She said their qualifying use is timber. Mrs. Powell made a motion to approve the request for conservation; Ms. Deck made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: 0587 017C

Ms. Glenn said this property owner split out 5.01 acres for her daughter. Her daughter signed a continuation of the covenant. Ms. Glenn said the property is still being farmed so she recommended the Board approve the continuation request. Mr. Ledbetter made a motion to approve the request for conservation; Mr. Howard made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: 1059 009C

Ms. Glenn said the property owner has 7.06 acres that is located in the city of Lafayette. She said he currently has conservation on an adjoining 40.20 acres that touches the 7.06 acres. She said the 40.20 acres is in the county and he has cattle, horses on this parcel and on the 7.06 acres. Ms. Glenn also said the property owner has given a schedule F as his documentation of farming. She recommended that the Board approve the additional 7.06 acres as he is farming that parcel as well. Ms. Deck made a motion to approve the request for conservation; Mr. Howard made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Conservation List of Applicants

Discussion: The Board reviewed the list of applicants for conservation and Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the list for conservation; Mrs. Powell made a second to the motion and the motion passed with Mr. Ledbetter abstaining as he is an applicant in the list.

Approval of the 2023 Property Values

Discussion: Mr. Gilreath gave the Board a copy of the consolidation report for review. He also displayed last years for a comparison for the Board. Mr. Ledbetter made a motion to approve the 2023 property values; Ms. Deck made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the 2023 Data File Export to the Tax Commissioner

Discussion: Mr. Gilreath explained that we are finishing up adding the fire fees, he said we didn't get them when we asked for them and now, we are working to try to get them all added. He said that we will hand the data file over to the Tax Commissioner on Thursday. Mrs. Powell made a motion to export the 2023 data file to the Tax Commissioner; Mr. Howard made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2023/2024 Budget Approval

Discussion: The Board did a final review of the budget and Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the 2023 budget; Mrs. Powell made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Mr. Howard made a motion to enter executive session to discuss, personnel & pay at 11:19 A.M.; Mrs. Powell made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Howard made a motion to end executive session at 11:33 A.M.; Mrs. Powell made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ledbetter made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Howard made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss Mr. Chapman adjourned the meeting at 11:35 A.M.

Chairman of the Board

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Acting Chairman

Secretary of the Board

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Angela Ward", written over a horizontal line.

Acting Secretary
