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Duties and Responsibilities

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

The Hansford County Appraisal District Board of Directors has the following primary responsibilities:

- Establish the appraisal district's appraisal office;
- Adopt the appraisal district's annual operating budget;
- Contract for necessary services;
- Hire a chief appraiser;
- Hire a taxpayer liaison officer (in counties having a population of over 125,000);
- Appoint appraisal review board members and other committees provided by law;
- Provide advice and consent to the chief appraiser concerning the appointment of an agricultural appraisal advisory board and determine the number of members to that advisory board;
- Approve contracts with appraisal firms selected by the chief appraiser to perform appraisal services for the district;
- Make general policies on the appraisal district's operation; and
- Biennially develop a written plan for the periodic reappraisal of all property within the district's boundaries.

RESOLVING PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

If any member of the public wishes to file a complaint concerning appraisal district operations or an other function over which the board has responsibility, the complainant must state explicitly the issues involved and submit appropriate documentation. The property owner should refer the complaint to the taxpayer liaison officer, and the board shall take whatever actions it may deem reasonable and appropriate to resolve the issue. Deliberations with respect to complaints shall occur in regular meetings or executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act. The taxpayer liaison officer will notify the property owner of the status of the complaint as least once each quarter until final disposition, unless notice would jeopardize an undercover investigation.

ACCESS TO THE BOARD

It is the specific policy of the board, that any person who wishes to address the board at one of its meetings may do so. Time allotted will be five (5) minutes, but it may be extended at the discretion of the chairman. However, the board shall have the authority to hold a closed or executive session without public admittance consistent with the requirements of law. Non-English speaking persons who need an interpreter may request that the board furnish one by making a written request to the Chief Appraiser at least seventy two (72) hours before the meeting. The same applies to person with physical, mental, or developmental disabilities.

LIMITED APPEAL AUTHORITY

The board's authority is limited. The board does not review values on individual property. The board assigns these tasks to the appraisal review board, re-

The board has the authority to review appraisal review board decisions. The board does not approve exemptions, appeals, or appraisal or taxability determinations.

The board does not set appraisal policy through its actions and plan reappraisals. Through its authority, the board determines which appraisal firm or both. The board reflects the board's decisions on individual appraisals. The board of directors has influence when working with the board to develop the district's biennial reappraisal of all property.

The board exercises its authority on appeals when it grants permission to appeal an appraisal decision to district court. The board grants permission for the taxpayer to appeal an appraisal review board decision, lawsuits and direct litigation.