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Notice is hereby given that the Chambers County Appraisal District Agricultural Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. at the Appraisal District Board Room, 1222 S Ross Sterling Avenue, Anahuac, Texas.

AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. Discuss 2017 Ag Rents, Leases and Expenses.
3. Comment from committee members.
4. Consider Degree of Intensity of Ag and Timber for Chambers County.
5. Comment from committee members.
6. Adjournment.



Mitchell T. McCullough, Chief Appraiser
Chambers County Appraisal District

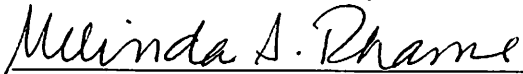
I, the undersigned, County Clerk of the County of Chambers do hereby certify that the above notice of open meeting of the Chambers County Appraisal District, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I received and posted said notice on the outer courthouse doors and the bulletin board inside the courthouse of Chambers County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 6 day of February, 2017 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

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2017 FEB -6 AM 11:15

Heather Hawthorne
COUNTY CLERK
CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS

Heather Hawthorne, County Clerk



By

Deputy

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MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR CHAMBERS COUNTY WAS HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2017 IN THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM.

A MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR CHAMBERS COUNTY WAS HELD WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

TOMMY GILBERT
LEROY EZER
DAVE WILCOX

ALSO PRESENT WERE MITCH McCULLOUGH, CHIEF APPRAISER, KAYLA PELHAM, ASSISTANT CHIEF APPRAISER, COLLEEN WAITS, ASSISTANT CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR AND DUSTIN VERNOR, APPRAISER.

KAYLA PELHAM, ASSISTANT CHIEF APPRAISER, CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSED AVERAGE RENTS AND LEASES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND IN CHAMBERS COUNTY. COMMITTEE MEMBERS AGREED AVERAGE RENTS FOR **IRRIGATED CROPS** TO BE **\$27.50** PER ACRE WITH **DRYLAND CROP** AT **\$5.00** PER ACRE. **IMPROVED PASTURE** SEEMS TO BE STEADY AT **\$15.00** PER ACRE WITH **NATIVE PASTURE** GOING DOWN TO **\$9.00** PER ACRE. **MARSH & WASTE** HAS STAYED THE SAME AT **\$5.00** PER ACRE. **CRAWFISH FARMS** ALSO STAYED THE SAME AT **\$15.00** PER ACRE WHILE **ORCHARDS** STAYED THE SAME AT **\$10.00** PER ACRE. OUR **GRASS FARMS** ARE AT **\$35.00** PER ACRE AND **TIMBER** HAS STAYED THE SAME AT **\$15.00** PER ACRE. **HUNTING LEASES** SEEM TO BE HOLDING AT **\$10.00** PER ACRE. **BEE'S** STAYED THE SAME AS LAST YEAR AT **\$7.50** PER ACRE.

ACCORDING TO THE COMMITTEE, TAXES ARE INCLUDED IN THE LEASE PRICE.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERED THE DEGREE OF INTENSITY FOR AGRICULTURAL AND TIMBER PROPERTIES FOR CHAMBERS COUNTY. THE COMMITTEE STATED THAT **NATIVE PASTURE** SHOULD BE AT **LEAST 3 ACRES WITH 1 ANIMAL UNIT PER 3 ACRES**. THE MINIMUM FOR **IRRIGATED CROPS** SHOULD BE **10 ACRES** AND **DRY CROPS** SHOULD ALSO BE **10 ACRES**. COMMITTEE DISCUSSED **HAY** AND STATED THAT YOU SHOULD GET **2 CUTS PER YEAR ON A 3 ACRE MINIMUM**.

COMMITTEE STATED THAT **HORSES MUST BE INCOME PRODUCING WITH A 10 ACRE MINIMUM**. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED **ORCHARDS** AND STATED THAT **PECAN ORCHARDS SHOULD HAVE 12-14 TREES PER ACRE WITH A 5 ACRE MINIMUM**. THE COMMITTEE FELT LIKE **CITRUS** SHOULD BE ABLE TO **YIELD 80 TREES PER ACRE** AND THAT **TIMBER** SHOULD HAVE A **10 ACRE MINIMUM PLUS A TIMBER MANAGEMENT PLAN IN PLACE**. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED **CRAWFISH** AND STATE THAT IT SHOULD BE AT **LEAST 5 ACRES**. THE COMMITTEE ALSO STATED THAT **GRASS FARMS SHOULD BE AT LEAST 20 ACRES**.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:30 A.M.



KAYLA PELHAM, ASSISTANT CHIEF APPRAISER
CHAMBERS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Degree of Intensity Standards for Chambers County

Classification	Code(s)	Minimum Acreage	Comments
Improved Pasture	RI-D	3 Acres	2 cuts per year
Native Pasture	RN	3 Acres	1 animal unit per <u>3</u> acres *
Irrigated Crops	R, TI-1(-3)	10 Acres	
Dry Crops	TD-1, TD-2	10 Acres	
Orchard	OR	5 Acres	Must be wholesale operation. Pecan: 12 trees per acre minimum Fruit: 80 trees per acre minimum
Timber	TM-1	10 Acres	Must have timber management plan with application.
Restricted Timber	TM-2	10 Acres	Must have timber management plan with application.
Grass Farm	G	20 Acres	
Wildlife Management	WM	20 Acres	Must sustain a breeding, migrating, or wintering population of indigenous wild animals. Must have qualified for open-space AG USE the previous year to qualify land in current year, and meet state guidelines. Wildlife management plan required.
Crawfish & Fish	CF	5 Acres	
Bees	B	5 Acres	Minimum of 6 hives for the first 5 acres. Each additional 2.5 acres requires 1 hive. Maximum of 20 acres allowed.

* 1 animal unit = 1 cow/calf; 1 Brood Mare; 5 Goats, Sheep, or Hogs

* Horses, Mules, and Donkeys must be in a breeding program to qualify. Operations strictly set up for boarding, training and showing, do not support an agricultural purpose.

Note: A tract designated as Ag **will not** lose special valuation status on remaining acreage when part is taken out for a **Homestead** following these guidelines:

10 Acres and up: 1 acre for Homestead

5-9 Acres: ½ acre for Homestead

3-5 Acres: ¼ acre for Homestead