

Approval of Minutes from  
September 5, 2023  
Special Board Meeting

**SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LUMBERTON MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lumberton Municipal Utility District was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. at the offices of the District pursuant to notice duly posted in accordance with the law. The following members of the Board were present:

Roger Smith

David Pitchford

Nick Carter

Absent: Jimmy Burk

Absent: David Desormeaux

Also present were Robb Starr, Carla McGallion, Mike Tywater ,Benny Lewis and BJ Lee-Lewis as employees of the District and Guy Goodson of Germer PLLC as legal counsel for the District.

Agenda Item No. 1: Prayer and Pledge. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order where the prayer and pledge were led by President Carter.

Agenda Item No. 2: Public Comments of Agenda Items. None.

Agenda Item No. 3: 2023 Certified Tax Roll. The Board recognized Robb Starr who presented the certified tax roll showing the Chief Appraiser had presented a total taxable value of \$1,756,152,800 and an uncertified appraisal roll of \$142,337,761 with probable value of \$96,201,997. The Board reviewed the information provided by the Hardin County Appraisal District and after discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Pitchford and seconded by Director Smith, the Board approved the certified tax roll showing a total taxable value of \$1,756,152,800. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 4: Establish Proposed Tax Exemption. The Board recognized Mr. Starr who indicated the District's prior exemptions were the following: 20% homestead exemption, \$10,000 disability exemption and a \$10,000 over 65 year of age exemption. Legal counsel noted disabled veterans would now receive tax exemptions as provided by state law. After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Smith and seconded by Director Pitchford, the Board unanimously approved the proposed tax exemptions as the following: 20% homestead exemption, \$10,000 disability exemption, \$10,000 over 65 years of age exemption and veteran disability as provided by state law. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 5: Set 2023 Proposed Tax Rate at a tax per \$100 valuation not greater than the 2023 Voter Approved Rate. The Board recognized Mr. Starr who presented the 2023 Water District Voter-Approval Tax Rate Form 50-858 provided by the Jefferson County Tax Office showing the debt tax rate as \$0.222701/\$100.00 valuation. After consideration and upon motion duly made by Director Pitchford and seconded by Director Smith, the Board unanimously set the proposed tax rate at \$0.222701/\$100.00 valuation. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 6: Set date for Public Hearing on 2023 Proposed Tax Rate. Mr. Starr noted the District would publish the Notice of Proposed Tax Rate in the *Beaumont Enterprise* and may hold a hearing on the proposed tax rate seven days following the publication. Mr. Starr suggested the public hearing on the 2023 proposed tax rate occur on Monday, September 18, 2023 in conjunction with the District's regular meeting. After discussion and upon motion duly made by Director Smith and seconded by Director Pitchford, the Board unanimously set the date for the public hearing on the 2023 proposed tax rate at 6:00 p.m. at the District office at 625 FM 421, Lumberton, Texas 77657.

Agenda Item No. 7: Public Comments. None.

Agenda Item No. 8: Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 a.m.



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President of the Board

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Secretary of the Board