

**MINUTES OF AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
COLEMAN COUNTY TAX APPRAISAL DISTRICT**

The Agricultural Advisory Board of the Coleman County Tax Appraisal District met on December 20, 2022, in the Appraisal District Office located at 105 S. Commercial Ave., Coleman, Texas.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Eva Bush, Chief Appraiser.

Present: Rex Jameson, Jack Knox, and Eva Bush. Absent: Mike Priddy.

Public Comments: No one was present.

**Agricultural Intensity Standards:** Eva Bush presented the updated Agricultural Intensity Standards for 2023. She went over some minor changes in the typical minimum standards for Coleman County. She also added the definitions of apiary and colony to the beekeeping/apiculture operations and updated the wildlife management portion to add that Coleman County is in the Rolling Plains Ecological Region and uses those guidelines as set out by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The policy was updated to clarify the minimum size requirements for wildlife management properties split from larger tracts to now be 50 acres for wildlife management; 20 acres for a qualifying wildlife property association, and 18 acres for those properties designated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to be a habitat for an endangered or threatened species. The board discussed the standards and offered no additional advice or changes to the updated standards.

**Policies and Procedures for Agricultural Use and Wildlife Management Use:** The board reviewed and discussed the policies and procedures for agricultural use and wildlife management use for Coleman County as presented by Eva Bush. No changes to the policies and procedures were advised by the Board.

**Agricultural Use Categories, Calculations, and Schedules:** Eva Bush went over the 2022 agricultural categories and the schedules for each category. With regard to income, the board advised that \$5/acre was typical for a grazing lease and that hunting brings in \$8 to \$10 per acre. These would be for the improved and native land categories. No amount was determined for cropland as these prices are too varied across the county. With regard to expenses, well water is not typical and does not need to be listed as an expense. Surface water and rural water are typical. Old water wells were typically too shallow to be of any value. Fencing could be higher, but no amount was suggested.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2.50 pm

  
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Eva Bush, Chief Appraiser