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**NOTICE OF ROPES ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**Monday, August 15, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ropes Independent School District will be held Monday, August 15, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, located at 304 Ranch St., Ropesville, TX.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order and Announce Quorum Present Quorum – Donald Rhoads, Chad Partington, Tysen Mortensen, Michael Schertz, Keila Ketchersid, and Cody Reep.
2. Invocation Invocation by Donald Rhoads
3. Public Comments/Audience Participation  
   A maximum of fifteen (15) minutes will be allotted for this section, with each person being allowed no more than three (3) minutes. Any person/group wishing to address the Board must sign in on the Open Forum list no later than 6:30 pm. Groups of five or more shall select a representative to speak for the group; the representative will have three minutes. The board may not act on any matter not on the agenda. Any person/group wishing to have a specific item placed on the Board Agenda must complete a Board of Trustees Item Request no later than noon of the fifth calendar day before the meeting. Per Board Policy GF (Local), members of the public having complaints or concerns may present their complaints or concerns to the Board only after following the procedure defined in that policy. The Board intends that, whenever feasible, complaints shall be resolved at the lowest possible administrative level. If a complaint comes before the Board that involves concerns or charges regarding an employee or student, it shall be heard by the Board in closed session unless the employee or student to whom the complaint pertains requests that it be heard in open session.
4. Action Items
   1. Public Hearing on Application of Caprock Solar, LLC for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code
   2. Public Hearing on Application of Sundown Wind, LLC for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code
   3. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution adopting Findings of Fact and approving the Application of Caprock Solar, LLC for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, and other action incident thereto “I move that the Board approve the Resolution adopting Findings of Fact as presented relating to the Application of Caprock Solar, LLC for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, that such Resolution and Findings, as presented, be executed by the Board President and made a part of the Minutes of this meeting, and that the Application of Caprock Solar, LLC be approved, all in accordance with Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.” Motion by Donald Rhoads, 2nd by Keila Ketchersid Motion passes by 7
   4. Discussion and possible action on an Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, with Caprock Solar, LLC “I move that the Board approve the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes with Caprock Solar, LLC pursuant to chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, and authorize the Board President to execute the Agreement on the District’s behalf, and direct the Superintendent to take such other action as may be required under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code or the Comptroller’s related rules.” Motion by Donald Rhoads, 2nd by Cody Reep Motion passes by 7
   5. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution adopting Findings of Fact and approving the Application of Sundown Wind, LLC for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, and other action incident thereto “I move that the Board approve the Resolution adopting Findings of Fact as presented relating to the Application of Sundown Wind, LLC for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, that such Resolution and findings, as presented, be executed by the Board President and made a part of the Minutes of this meeting, and that the Application of Sundown Wind, LLC be approved, all in accordance with Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.” Motion by Donald Rhoads, 2nd by Chad Partington Motion passes by 7
   6. Discussion and possible action on an Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, with Sundown Wind, LLC “I move that the Board approve the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes with Sundown Wind, LLC pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, and authorize the Board President to execute the Agreement on the District’s behalf, and direct the Superintendent to take such other action as may be required under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code or the Comptroller’s related rules.” Motion by Donald Rhoads, 2nd by Michael Schertz Motion passes by 7
5. Adjourn to Closed Session: (The Board may recess into Closed Session for purposes permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov’t Code Sections 551.001 et seq., 551.071(private consultation with attorney), 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.082, 551.083, 551.084)
   1. Discussion of Personnel, Gov’t Code 551.074
   2. Discussion of Real Property, Gov’t Code 551.072
   3. Discussion of School Children, School District Employee, Disciplinary Matter or Complaint, Gov’t Code 551.082
6. Return to Open Session and Take Action if needed on Closed Session Items
7. Adjourn – Future Board Meeting Dates- September 12, 2022

If during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in an executive or closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D&E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Friday, August 5, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.