

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a special called Tax Abatement meeting on Tuesday December 20, 2022 at 12:00 pm in the Board Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Tanner Black, Becky Bridwell, Carla Purcella, Mike Schueler and Chris Woodard.

Other attendees: Jeff Barnhart, CEO; Paul Gafford, CFO; Candice Smith, CNO; Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst.; Audie Sciumbato

1. Call to Order, Pledge, and Invocation.

Mike Schueler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Mr. Schueler led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the Invocation.

2. Public Comment.

No public comments.

3. Chief Executive Officer Report

Mr. Barnhart presented the updated Deaf Smith County Hospital District Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria. Mr. Black made a motion to approve the guidelines and criteria as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Renegade Renewable Energy Presentation

Mr. Schueler presented the updated Renegade Renewable Energy tax abatement amendment. The updated abatement reflects an extended date. Audie Sciumbato explained the reasons was a supply chain issue for the extended date. All board members expressed their concerns about the abatement as it relates to the hospital district. The hospital entity is a little different than the other entities. There was concern expressed about the yearly rising of unfunded care and the increasing expenses. There were also concerns with the abatement and not being able to voice their concerns. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Woodard to approve the extended abatement. There was no second on the motion. The motion was not carried.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. The motion was made by Mrs. Bridwell. Motion seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion passed unanimously.



Mike Schueler, President