Trinity County Appraisal District
Appraisal Review Board Meeting
May 07, 2026

The Appraisal Review Board met on Thursday **May 07, 2026** at **9:00 a.m.** in the Appraisal District office in Groveton, Texas. John Reynolds called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. followed by a certification of public notice and of a quorum.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Present: John Reynolds, Larry Fortenberry, Patrick Ross, James Alford, Billy Joe Slaughter

Absent: N/A

Others: Gary Gallant, Kelly Denman, Karen Ivy, James Wars, Zach Keller

Swearing in ARB BOD: Swearing in of Board members, John Reynolds, Larry Fortenberry, Patrick Ross, James Alford and Billy Joe Slaughter

Announce Appointed Officers: Gary Gallant announced the officers appointed by District Judge, Travis Kitchens. John Reynolds will serve as chairman, Larry Fortenberry will serve as vice – chairman, Patrick Ross as Secretary and James Alford and Billy Joe Slaughter as members.

Submission of The Appraisal Records: James Wars submitted the appraisal records to the ARB. James spoke on the drop in the real estate market, bringing about the decrease in some areas, therefore not having the typical increase in value that we have had in the past several years. James shared that county wide before going in to ARB, the increase in value is around 30,000,000.

Recess: Recess for public hearing at 9:13 a.m. to review the ARB Procedures.

Reconvene: Reconvene at 9:16 a.m. and took action to approve the ARB procedures. A motion was made by Patrick Ross to approve the procedures and was seconded by Larry Fortenberry. The motion carried unanimously.

Organizational Meeting: The board discussed the upcoming Arb season, along with ARB training information that is scheduled for May 13, 2026.

Recess 9:20 a.m. The Appraisal Review Board will recess until the next meeting

Attest:

John W. Reynolds
Chairman

Larry Fortenberry
Secretary/Vice Chairman