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**VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD (VAB) MEETING
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING "A", CONFERENCE ROOM A1-102
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018**

The Value Adjustment Board (VAB) of Indian River County, Florida, met on Monday, March 12, 2018, at 1:15 p.m., in the County Administration Building, 1801 27th Street, Building A, Room 102, Vero Beach, Florida. The purpose of this meeting was to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the VAB. Present were Commissioner Joseph E. Flescher; Commissioner Tim Zorc; School Board Member Charles Searcy; and Citizen Members Todd Heckman and Wesley S. Davis (arrived at 1:21 p.m.).

Also present were VAB Attorney Michelle Napier; Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Jeffrey R. Smith; Property Appraiser David Nolte; Attorney representing the Property Appraiser Eric Barkett; and VAB Clerks Terri Collins-Lister and Rhonda Zirkle.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Jeffrey R. Smith called the meeting to order.

2. INVOCATION – Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Jeffrey R. Smith

Mr. Smith delivered the Invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Wesley S. Davis

Mr. Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by all present.

**5. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN
(Pursuant to F.S. 194.015 – The Chairman Shall Be a Board of County Commission Member)**

Mr. Smith opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Commissioner Zorc to elect Commissioner Flescher as Chairman.

School Board Member Searcy **SECONDED** the motion for discussion.

School Board Member Searcy disagreed with the F.S. 194.015 stating that, “The Chairman Shall Be a Board of County Commission Member”. He felt that any member of the Value Adjustment Board (VAB) was capable of being the Chairman.

Commissioner Flescher nominated Commissioner Zorc for Chairman; however, Commissioner Zorc withdrew his name from the nomination for Chairman.

Mr. Smith CALLED FOR A VOTE and the Board (by a 3-1 vote, Citizen Member Davis absent and School Board Member Searcy opposed) elected Commissioner Flescher as Chairman of the Value Adjustment Board for Tax Year 2018.

Chairman Flescher opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Citizen Member Heckman, **SECONDED** By School Board Member Searcy, to elect Commissioner Zorc as Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations for Vice Chairman.

Chairman Flescher CALLED FOR A VOTE and the Board (by a 4-0 vote, Citizen Member Davis absent) elected Commissioner Tim Zorc as Vice Chairman of the Value Adjustment Board for Tax Year 2018.

Citizen Member Davis arrived at 1:21 p.m.

Terri Collins-Lister, VAB Clerk, updated the members on the 2017 VAB Season.

A discussion ensued on the fee to file a petition with the VAB, and the costs incurred by a Special Magistrate and staff when the petitioner fails to appear. Also addressed was School Board Member Searcy’s concern with the F.S. 194.015 that “The Chairman Shall be a Board of County Commissioner Member”.

It was suggested to have the County Attorney's Office look at the issue and determine whether a letter should be sent to the State Legislature and brought back to the next VAB meeting for discussion.

Citizen Member Heckman inquired whether it would be possible to do an electronic vote or vote by phone if he was out of town.

A discussion ensued and VAB Attorney Napier stated that the Administrative Code allows for electronic communication, and suggested the Board create a written policy for electronic voting and communication.

Chairman Flescher wanted the County's Attorney Office and VAB Attorney Napier to look into the matter and bring it back to the VAB at a future meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

Commissioner Joseph E. Flescher, VAB Chairman

Approved: _____

ATTEST:

Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller

By: _____

Terri Collins-Lister, VAB Clerk