



**Board of Directors
December 21st**

MINUTES

- I Call to Order:** Jason Ray, President Called the meeting to order.
- II Roll Call – Sign-in, Establish a Quorum:** Ray established that a quorum had been met with the required number of 2021 Board members Present at the Meeting.
- III Approval of Board Minutes: A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the November meeting. MOTION CARRIED**

Prior to the start of the meeting a MOTION was made and seconded to remove Item #6 from the MLS minutes and to take up this item as the last discussion point for the December Board Meeting. MOTION CARRIED

IV President’s Report:

a. Ethel Park: Update: Ray reported Ethel Park was completed and the NAR grant had been properly paid with RAA contributing \$500 towards the project and NAR contributing \$4500. He noted that the park was still short \$415 and asked the board to consider paying this additional cost for the park.

A MOTION was made and seconded to authorize the additional payment of \$415 to the Town of Washington for Ethel Park. MOTION CARRIED

b. **2021 Pin Patrol/ Wall of Honor:** Ray reported the 2021 Pin patrol had completed its duties and referred board members to the new wall of Honor in the RAA Training Room

c. **Operations Update:** Ray called upon Cindy Herring, RAA Treasurer to report on billing receivables and Code of Ethics requirements.

1. **2022 Dues Collections:** as of 12-21-21 RAA had collected 1620 and had 232 dues payments in A/R
2. **2022 MLS Collections** as of 12-21-21 874 members have paid with 922 currently in A/R
3. **Code of Ethics:** Currently the RAA still had approximately 200 people who needed to take the COE before 12-31-21.

V Treasurer’s Report: Herring reported on the recent membership number for the REALTOR® Association of Acadiana as well as encouraged board members to make their calls to new board members. She reported the Prudential Account as of November 30th

was at \$780,047.73. She then reviewed the November financials for the REALTOR® Association of Acadiana and RAA Properties.

She then discussed the RAA's contractual relationship with the Daily Advertiser noting that the board had been discussing this topic for several months and at a recent meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee they recommended sending the Daily Advertiser a 60 Notice of Cancellation to the current contract. The board discussed this item.

A MOTION was made and seconded to have the RAA General Counsel send to the Daily Advertiser the 60 Day notice of cancellation as required by the current contract. MOTION CARRIED

Herring then reported on her and Susan Holliday's research and pricing for a new CPA firm. She reviewed several options and recommended a change to Sam Lolan with Castaing, Hussey & Lolan, LLC.

A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the REALTOR® Association of Acadiana and RAA Properties contract with CPA firm, Castaing, Hussey & Lolan, LLC for its financial review and tax return for 2021. MOTION CARRIED

VI Committee Reports:

- a. **YPN:** Tyler Albrecht- Albrecht reported on the recent YPN Morning Buzz for December, Naughty or Nice which had over 60 attendees. He noted he was concluding his time as Chair of YPN and that Charles Ditch would assume the position in 2022.
- b. **MLS:** Lindsey Fitzgerald: Fitzgerald reviewed the minutes of the December 2021 MLS Minutes with the Exception of Item number 6 regarding the Committee's decision to join ROAM. A Motion was made and seconded to approve the MLS Committee Minutes as presented with the exception of item #6.

Ray then called upon Reid Smith to present on the MLS Consolidation task Force's recommendation that the RAA Board consider joining ROAM, LLC.

The Members assembled (2021 RA Board Members, 2022 RAA Board Members and members of the MLS Committee) entered into a robust discussion about the MLS Consolidation Task Force's recommendation.

Members of the 2021 RAA Board of Directors voted by Secret Ballot on Item # 6 of the December MLS Committee Minutes which stated: To accept the MLS Consolidation Task Force recommendation to join ROAM MLS contingent upon RAA Board of Directors review & further due diligence. **The MOTION Failed.**

A Subsequent Motion was made and seconded to have presentations from Greater Southern MLS and ROAM which would disclosure contract and operating agreements to the 2022 RAA Board of Directors. **This MOTION Failed.**

c. **RCA:** Bart Broussard: Bart Broussard reported the RCA had recently held Strategic Planning session and he was looking forward to assuming the role of RCA Chair in 2022.

VII CEO Report: Due to time constraints the CEO did not make a report.

A MOTION was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED