

## **COMAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT SELECTS NEW CHIEF APPRAISER**

On March 8, 2017, at a specially-called meeting, the board of directors of the Comal Appraisal District (CAD) selected Rufino H. (Hector) Lozano to be CAD's new chief appraiser. During a process that lasted more than six hours, the board interviewed several candidates before Mr. Lozano was hired by a vote of 4-0. Mr. Lozano will earn a salary of \$96,000, and will receive benefits commensurate to those provided to all CAD employees.

Mr. Lozano has been employed as a chief appraiser in Texas since November, 1992, having previously served in Dimmit County (Carrizo Springs) from 1992-1997; in Uvalde County (Uvalde) from 1998-2004; and in San Patricio County (Sinton) from 2004 to present.

Dan Krueger, presiding officer of the CAD, stated that he was pleased with the solid overall accomplishments of the applicants for the chief appraiser position, and he noted that the interview and selection process was difficult. "We had a good number of well-qualified individuals apply for this position, but we felt that Mr. Lozano's nearly two dozen years of chief appraiser experience, along with his technical expertise and an unusual vision for applying emerging future technology to day-to-day appraisal district procedures persuaded us that he was the best candidate," said Mr. Krueger.

Mr. Lozano will succeed long-time CAD employee and chief appraiser Curtis Koehler, who retired at the end of February, 2017. Mr. Lozano will take over as chief appraiser on Monday, March 27, 2017.