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Voting Taxing Units of the Ellis Appraisal District:

It is election time and the **2025 Board of Directors Taxing Unit Voting Entitlements** are enclosed.

**This election is for 2025. SB2 becomes effective 7/1/2024 and Section 6.0301 requires another election to take place prior to December 31, 2024 to appoint five directors who will begin serving January 1, 2025. In this election, two of these appointed directors will serve a term of one year and three will serve a term of three years.*

The FIRST step for in this process is NOMINATIONS. Each taxing unit may **nominate by resolution** adopted by its governing body (sample enclosed) one candidate for each position to be filled on the board of directors. The presiding officer of the governing body of the unit shall submit the name(s) of the unit's nominee(s) to the chief appraiser before October 15th.

Before October 30th, the chief appraiser will prepare a ballot, listing the candidates and shall deliver a copy of the ballot to the presiding officer of your unit. **The SECOND step for you in this process is to VOTE.** The governing body shall determine its **vote by resolution** (sample enclosed) and submit it to the chief appraiser before December 15th. Your voting entitlement may be cast for one candidate or distributed as the governing body chooses. *It takes 834 votes to secure a position on the board.* The chief appraiser will count the votes, declare the five candidates who received the largest cumulative vote totals elected, and submit the results before December 31st to each governing body. **Taxing Units with more than 5% of the total vote are listed on separate page and have additional requirements under Section 6.03(k-1).**

Please mark these dates for the governance of the Ellis Appraisal District:

Before October 15	Your governing body submits candidate(s) name(s) (with bio) to the chief appraiser
Before October 30	I will prepare and deliver a ballot to the presiding officer of your unit
Before December 15*	Your governing body will vote by resolution and submit to the chief appraiser
Before December 31	I will send the results of the election to each governing body

Please make plans on your scheduled meetings to consider and act on these matters. Your vote is very important to the continued dedicated leadership of this board.

I have asked the current board members about their interest in serving another term. Walter Erwin, Richard Keeler, Dani Muckleroy Rusty Ballard, and David Hurst are interested in continuing to serve. I am enclosing the history of the current board members.

So that all taxing units in the election are familiar with new candidates, **please submit a short bio and contact information** (email and cell phone) **for any newly nominated candidate**. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rodrigue, RPA

Taxing Units with More than 5% of Total Votes in Board of Directors Election

SECTION 3. Section 6.03, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsection (k) and adding Subsection (k-1) to read as follows:

(k) Except as provided by Subsection (k-1), the [The] governing body of each taxing unit entitled to vote shall determine its vote by resolution and submit it to the chief appraiser before December 15. The chief appraiser shall count the votes, declare the five candidates who receive the largest cumulative vote totals elected, and submit the results before December 31 to the governing body of each taxing unit in the district and to the candidates. For purposes of determining the number of votes received by the candidates, the candidate receiving the most votes of the conservation and reclamation districts is considered to have received all of the votes cast by conservation and reclamation districts and the other candidates are considered not to have received any votes of the conservation and reclamation districts. The chief appraiser shall resolve a tie vote by any method of chance.

(k-1) This subsection applies only to an appraisal district established in a **county with a population of 120,000 or more**. The governing body of each taxing unit entitled to **cast at least five percent of the total votes** must determine its vote by resolution adopted **at the first or second open meeting of the governing body that is held after the date the chief appraiser delivers** (before October 15th) **the ballot to the presiding officer of the governing body**. The governing body must **submit its vote to the chief appraiser not later than the third day following the date the resolution is adopted**.

This **law applies** to the following taxing units that make up 84.41% of the total votes:

Ellis County	16.24%	with	812 votes
Ennis ISD	9.00%	with	450 votes
Midlothian ISD	19.14%	with	957 votes
Red Oak ISD	7.37%	with	369 votes
Waxahachie ISD	16.74%	with	837 votes
City of Midlothian	8.17%	with	408 votes
City of Waxahachie	7.75%	with	387 votes