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TAXING ENTITIES OF HILL COUNTY:

It is time to begin the selection process for members of the 2018-2019 Board of Director for the Hill County Appraisal District. The directors serve two-year terms beginning January 1 of each even numbered year. Individuals serving on the board bring knowledge, judgment, and expertise in establishing policies and procedures for the District's organization and operation.

There are five nominated director positions that govern the appraisal district. The County Tax Assessor/Collector serves as a sixth, non-voting board member unless appointed to the board under the regular process. Each voting entity may nominate one candidate for each position to be filled up to a total of five nominees. The nominations must be made in an open meeting. **Please submit the names and addresses of the nominees on the enclosed nomination sheet and return it to my office by October 16, 2017.**

To be eligible to serve as a board member, an individual must be a resident of Hill County and must have resided in the county for at least two years immediately preceding the date the individual takes office. An employee of the taxing unit is not eligible to serve unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an elected official of a unit that participates in the district. An individual is ineligible to serve on an appraisal district board of directors if the individual owns property on which delinquent taxes have been owed to a taxing unit for more than 60 days after the date the individual knew or should have known of the delinquency.

The Board currently meets for regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. Nominees should possess a readiness and commitment to attend the Board meetings if selected to serve.

The number of votes for each taxing entity is enclosed along with an Appraisal District Board of Director information sheet. Please only make nominations at this time. I will send you a separate ballot for voting around October 31, 2017. The ballot will list all nominees and at that time you will cast your votes and return the ballot by November 20th.

Hopefully this allows adequate time to be placed on your agenda. I have also enclosed an information sheet on the selection process. Please call me should you have any questions or in the event these dates do not correlate with your entity meetings.

Sincerely,

Mike McKibben

In the past, I have received several telephone calls from entities that do not have a candidate to nominate so I am sending you information to familiarize you with the current Board Members of the appraisal district. Please use this information as a reference and not as a suggestion or encouragement on how to cast your votes.

In case you do not have anyone to nominate, the current board members are listed in no specific order:

Don Ford- is a Whitney resident with a career in education and administration. Mr. Ford was placed on the board by Whitney ISD.

Edith Omberg- is a Hill County native and has a background in education. Mrs. Omberg currently serves as Mayor of the City of Hillsboro with a long history of being on the city council. Ms. Omberg was placed on the board by the City of Hillsboro and Hillsboro ISD.

Vivian Caldwell- is a Hillsboro resident and has served on various civic/local boards and committees. Ms. Caldwell was placed on the board by Hillsboro ISD.

David Snipes- has a background in school administration having served on the Aquilla School Board for approximately 28 years and the same time on the Bold Springs Water Supply Board. He is active in the local churches and serves as a Way Speaker. This experience fosters knowledge and support of small rural school districts. The smaller school districts and entities have historically pooled and cast their votes for the person in this position.

Eugene Fulton- is a Hubbard resident and is very active civically. He is a representation from the southern portion of the county. This position is typically placed on the board by Hill County.

As you are well aware, an entity can only be as good as the board that governs it. The appraisal district is no different from your entity in that regard. Hill CAD currently possesses a strong, solid, and good decision making board. This results in a higher quality of service and efficiency to each of you, so you can appreciate the importance of good board members.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions and thank you for your continual support.



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2018-2019 Nominations for Board of Directors Hill County Appraisal District

Nominees for: _____
(Entity Name)

Please nominate one person or up to five nominees.
Ballot forms will be mailed with a list of all nominees.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Please list name and addresses of nominees and return to CAD office by October 16, 2017. Thank you.

Signed

Date

Appraisal District Board of Directors

To be eligible to serve on the board of directors, an individual:

Must be a resident of the district and resided in the district for at least 2 years preceding Jan. 1. An employee of a taxing unit that participates in the district is not eligible to serve on the board unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the district. Candidate cannot have delinquent taxes.

Entities entitled to vote:

Incorporated cities and towns; school districts and counties that participate in the District.

Members serve 2-year terms beginning on Jan 1 of even numbered years.

The voting entitlement of a taxing unit that is entitled to vote is determined by:

dividing the total amount of property taxes imposed in the district by the taxing unit for the preceding tax year by the sum of the total dollar amount of property taxes imposed in the district for that year by each taxing unit that is entitled to vote, by multiplying the quotient by 1,000, and by rounding the product to the nearest whole number. That number is multiplied by the number of directorships to be filled. (A taxing unit that participates in more than one district may vote in each district, however only the taxes imposed in a district are used to calculate voting entitlement in that district.)

Each entity entitled to vote may nominate, by resolution adopted by its governing body, one candidate for each position to be filled. This means each taxing unit can nominate up to 5 persons since we have 5 directors. The County Tax Assessor/Collector serves as an ex-officio member of the board.

Oct 1 letter sent to entities requesting nominations

Oct 15 nominations returned to chief appraiser

Oct 30 ballot of nominations sent to entities

Nov 15 ballots returned to chief appraiser

Dec 1 chief appraiser counts votes and declares the 5 candidates that received the largest cumulative vote totals.

The procedure for selecting members of an appraisal district board of directors is not governed by the Texas Election Code. The dates are directory and not mandatory.

The ballot can only include those names timely submitted. The chief appraiser resolves a tie vote by any method of chance.

The board of directors has the following primary responsibilities:

- Establish the appraisal district's office;
- Adopt the appraisal district's annual operating budget;
- Contract for necessary services;
- Hire a chief appraiser;
- Appoint appraisal review board members;
- Make general policy on the appraisal district's operations.

The board evaluates the effectiveness of the chief appraiser and overall appraisal process in reaching the final product-- an approved, certified appraisal roll meeting constitutional and statutory requirements.

The Texas Constitution addresses a number of aspects of property taxation including authorizing the legislature to create local governments and the power to tax. The Property Tax Code contains most laws enacted by the Texas Legislature that deals with property taxes. The chief appraiser and also the board of directors are responsible for ensuring that the appraisal district conducts its operations in a fair and efficient manner.

A board member may not directly or indirectly discuss appraised values with the chief appraiser except as allowed by law in open meetings.

**HILL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
CALCULATION OF VOTES
2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ENTITY	2016 TAX LEVY	PERCENTAGE	VOTES NUMBER
Abbott ISD	1,248,693	2.5958	130
Aquilla ISD	1,014,060	2.1081	105
Axtell ISD	6,389	0.0133	1
City of Blum	41,889	0.0871	4
Blum ISD	1,698,096	3.5301	177
City of Bynum	14,156	0.0294	1
Bynum ISD	1,002,174	2.0834	104
City of Covington	33,417	0.0695	3
Covington ISD	1,007,602	2.0946	105
Dawson ISD	27,240	0.0566	3
Frost ISD	117,249	0.2437	12
Grandview ISD	73,830	0.1535	8
Hill College	1,655,386	3.4413	172
Hill County	12,290,025	25.5489	1,277
City of Hillsboro	3,619,704	7.5248	376
Hillsboro ISD	8,479,631	17.6278	881
City of Hubbard	405,382	0.8427	42
Hubbard ISD	1,063,523	2.2109	111
City of Itasca	252,591	0.5251	26
Itasca ISD	2,657,152	5.5238	276
City of Malone	47,177	0.0981	5
Malone ISD	474,057	0.9855	49
City of Mertens	10,956	0.0228	1
Milford ISD	308,056	0.6404	32
City of Mt. Calm	37,424	0.0778	4
Mt. Calm ISD	303,279	0.6305	32
City of Penelope	23,134	0.0481	2
Penelope ISD	309,029	0.6424	32
Rio Vista ISD	36,179	0.0752	4
West ISD	93,172	0.1937	10
City of Whitney	629,650	1.3089	65
Whitney ISD	9,123,560	18.9664	948
	48,103,862	100.0000	5,000

Votes are calculated using 2016 levies.
Budget percentages are
allocated using 2017 levies.