CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER

We, the undersigned officers of the Board of Trustees of Groesbeck Independent School District (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") convened in a [regular/special] meeting on the <u>12th</u> day of <u>August</u>, <u>2025</u>, at the regular designated meeting place (the "Meeting"), and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to-wit:

Mr. Aslone Foy President
Mr. Jim Longbotham Vice President
Mr. Bridgett Jackson-Tatum Secretary
Mr. Stephen Bradley Trustee
Mr. Angela Crane Trustee
Ms. Sindra McLean Trustee
Mr. Jason Milstead Trustee

and all of said persons were present, except the following absentees: _______, thus constituting a quorum. Whereupon, among other business, the following was transacted at the Meeting: a written order entitled:

ORDER BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID DISTRICT; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT AND THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO

(the "Order") was duly introduced for the consideration of the Board. It was then duly moved and seconded that the Order be passed; and, after due discussion, said motion, carrying with it the passage of the Order, prevailed and carried by the following votes:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTENTIONS:

2. A true, full, and correct copy of the Order passed at the Meeting is attached to and follows this Certificate; the Order has been duly recorded in the Board's minutes of the Meeting; the above and foregoing paragraph is a true, full, and correct excerpt from the Board's minutes of the Meeting pertaining to the passage of the Order; the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph are the duly chosen, qualified, and acting officers and members of the Board as indicated therein; each of the officers and members of the Board was duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally, in advance, of the time, place, and purpose of the Meeting, and that the Order would be introduced and considered for passage at the Meeting, and each of the officers and members consented, in advance, to the holding of the Meeting for such purpose; and the Meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the Meeting was given all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 12th day of August, 2025.				
President, Board of Trustees	Secretary, Board of Trustees			

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Groesbeck Independent School District (the "District") finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold an election for and within the District on the propositions hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that said election shall be held on a uniform election date established by Section 41.001(a), Texas Election Code, as amended, as required by laws of the State of Texas (the "State"); and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code intends to conduct a Joint Election Agreement with the County of Limestone (the "County").

WHEREAS, the Board finds and declares that the meeting at which this Order is considered is open to the public, and that the public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; Now Therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. <u>Findings</u>. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact and as a part of the operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. <u>Election Ordered; Date; Proposition</u>. An election (the "Election") shall be held for and within the District on Tuesday, November 4, 2025("Election Day"), in accordance with the Texas Election Code (the "Code"). At the Election the following proposition (the "Proposition") shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the District in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION NO. ONE

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE AND SELL AT ANY PRICE OR PRICES THE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$______ FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, WHICH BONDS MAY BE ISSUED IN VARIOUS ISSUES OR SERIES, SHALL MATURE SERIALLY OR OTHERWISE NOT MORE THAN 40 YEARS FROM THEIR DATE, AND SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT SUCH RATE OR RATES, NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM RATE NOW OR HEREAFTER AUTHORIZED BY LAW, AS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE; AND SHALL THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY AND PLEDGE, AND CAUSE TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED, ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS; SAID BONDS TO BE ISSUED AND SAID TAXES TO BE LEVIED, PLEDGED, ASSESSED, AND COLLECTED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS INCLUDING THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE?

Section 3. <u>Official Ballot</u>.

- (a) Voting at the Election, and early voting therefor, shall be by the use of the lawfully approved Limestone County voting systems and ballots.
- (b) The preparation of the necessary equipment and the official ballots for the Election shall conform to the requirements of the Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid Proposition, which shall be set forth on the ballots substantially in the following forms:

PROPOSITION NO. ONE

	FOR)	THE ISSUANCE OF \$	OF BONDS FOR THE
			CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION	AND EQUIPMENT OF
П	AGAINST)	SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTR	CICT AND THE LEVYING OF
_			THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF,	THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX
			INCREASE.	

- Section 4. <u>Persons Qualified to Vote</u>. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.
- Section 5. <u>Election Precincts, Voting Locations and Voting Hours on Election Day.</u> The election precincts for the Election shall consist of the territory within the boundaries of the District situated within one or more Limestone County (the "County") election precincts, which bear the precinct numbers set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u>, attached hereto and incorporated herein. The voting location for voting on Election Day for each election precinct shall be as set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u>, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the District as provided in the Election Services Agreement. The Superintendent or his designee is hereby authorized to update <u>Exhibit A</u> to reflect the locations designated by the District, and such locations are hereby approved. On Election Day the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 6. Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times.

(a) Early voting by personal appearance for all election precincts shall be held at the locations, at the times and on the days set forth in <u>Exhibit B</u>, attached hereto and incorporated herein, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the Superintendent. The

Superintendent or his designee is hereby authorized to update <u>Exhibit B</u> to reflect such designated locations, and such locations are hereby approved.

Section 7. Jennifer Southard, Limestone County Elections Administrator is hereby appointed as the Groesbeck ISD Early Voting Clerk. Applications for ballot by mail or email shall be sent to: Jennifer Johnson, Early Voting Clerk, P. O. Box 468, Groesbeck, Texas 76642, email: jennifer.johnson@co.limestone.tx.us. Rebekah Callaway, Robertson County Elections Administrator is hereby appointed as the Groesbeck ISD Early Voting Clerk. Applications for ballot by mail or email shall be sent to Rebekah Callaway, Early Voting Clerk, P. O. Box 819, Franklin, Texas 77856, email: elections.dept@co.robertson.tx.us. Nickett Taylor, Falls County Elections Administrator is hereby appointed as the Groesbeck ISD Early Voting Clerk. Applications for ballot by mail or email shall be sent to Nickett Taylor, Early Voting Clerk, 101 Fortune Street, Marlin, Texas 76661, email: nicket.taylor@co.falls.tx.us. The Early Voting Clerks is hereby authorized to appoint the deputy early voting clerks as necessary for the Election. Joint Election. The District has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to participate in a joint election with the County of Groesbeck holding elections on Election Day.

Section 8. <u>Appointment of Election Officers</u>.

- (a) The election judges, alternate judges, clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, the central counting station officials, and other personnel necessary for conducting the Election shall be appointed, election judges and alternate judges may be changed, polling places may be combined for some precincts, and the central counting station shall be established and staffed all as determined by the Superintendent and such actions are hereby approved.
- (b) The Election shall be conducted by election officers, including the presiding judges and alternate presiding judges appointed by the Superintendent and the County, in accordance with the Education Code, the Election Code, the Constitution and laws of the State and the United States of America. The presiding judges shall appoint not less than two (2) or more than five (5) qualified election clerks for the conduct of the Election. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to appoint any such other officials not designated herein or appointed as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Election Code.
- Section 9. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given by: (i) publishing a substantial copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, one time not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the tenth (10th) day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District (or otherwise complies with State law), (ii) by posting a copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election and in at least three (3) public places in the boundaries of the District, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election and (iii) by posting a copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, on the District's website, prominently and together with the notice of the Election and the contents of the Proposition, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election through Election Day. Additionally, on Election Day and during early voting by personal appearance, this Order shall be posted in a prominent location at each polling place. Notice of the Election shall also be provided to the county clerk of the County and the Elections Administrator not later than the 60th day before the Election Day.

Section 10. <u>Conduct of Election</u>. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Code, except as modified by the Texas Education Code, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

Section 11. <u>Additional Information Required by Section 3.009 of the Election Code</u>.

- (a) As of September 1, 2025, the first day of the District's current fiscal year, the aggregate principal amount outstanding of tax-supported debt of the District was \$3,430,000 and the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on such tax-supported debt was \$290,850. The District's ad valorem debt service tax rate as of the date of this Order is \$0.2075 per \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property in the District.
- The District intends to issue the bonds authorized by the Proposition over a period (b) of year(s) in a manner and in accordance with a schedule to be determined by the Board based upon a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the then current needs of the District, demographic changes, prevailing market conditions, assessed valuations in the District and management of the District's short-term and long-term interest rate exposure. Market conditions, demographics and assessed valuations vary based upon a number of factors beyond the District's control, and therefore, the District cannot and does not guarantee a particular interest rate or tax rate associated with the bonds authorized by the Proposition. As such, the information contained in this paragraph is provided solely for illustrative purposes and does not establish any limitations or restrictions or create a contract with the voters. The most recently adopted District tax rate for operations and maintenance purposes is \$0.73270 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The District currently estimates that, if the Proposition were approved and the bonds proposed herein were authorized and issued in accordance with the District's currently projected plan of finance, the District's ad valorem debt service tax rate would be approximately \$0.2075 per \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property in the District.
- (c) Any additional information required by Section 3.009 of the Code is contained in Sections 2 and 3 of this Order.
- Section 12. <u>Necessary Actions</u>. The Superintendent or his designee, acting on behalf of the Board, in consultation with the District's attorney and bond counsel is hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein, including making changes or additions to polling places or procedures to the extent required or desirable.
- Section 13. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Order, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, neither the remaining portions of this Order nor their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall be affected thereby, it being the intent of the Board in adopting this Order that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any

unconstitutionality, voidness, invalidity or unenforceability of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 14. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 12th day of August, 2025.

ATTEST:	President, Board of Trustees Groesbeck Independent School District
Secretary, Board of Trustees Groesbeck Independent School District	
(District Seal)	