

Hill County Appraisal District

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TAXING ENTITIES OF HILL COUNTY:

It is time to begin the selection process for members of the 2020-2021 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 29, 2019.

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 before October 30, 2019. The ballot will list all nominees and at that time you will cast your votes and return the ballot before December 15th.

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 previously served 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.

<u>Vivian Caldwell</u>- 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.

<u>Eugene Fulton</u>- 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.