

ELECTION ORDER AND NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF ECTOR §

ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

On the ninth of March, 2004, the Board of Trustees of the Ector County Independent School District convened in regular session, open to the public, with the following members present, to-wit:

and the following absent: _____, constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings held by said Board of Trustees, the following resolution was duly presented for consideration and was duly seconded and passed as follows:

WHEREAS, the terms of office of Delma J. Abalos (Position 2), Tommy Salmon, Sr. (Position 4), Paula Ahders (Position 5), and Phil Fouche, Jr. (Position 7), members of the Board of Trustees of the Ector County Independent School District, will expire Tuesday,

May 25, 2004; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for said Board of Trustees to pass an order establishing the procedure for filing for and conducting said trustee election;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Ector County Independent School District that an election be held in said Ector County Independent School District on Saturday, May 15, 2004, for the purpose of electing school district trustees for Ector County Independent School District for Position 2, Position 4, Position 5, and Position 7 for four-year terms.

BE IT FURTHERED ORDERED that all requests by candidates to have their names placed upon the ballot for the above mentioned election shall be in writing, signed by the candidate, and be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees at the Superintendent's Office, 8th at North Sam Houston Street, during regular office hours beginning February 14, 2004, and ending March 15, 2004, at 5:00 P.M. All candidates shall file said application in accordance with the requirements set out in Section 141.031 of the Texas Election Code.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that said election shall be held jointly with the Odessa College Board of Trustees election, the Medical Center Hospital District Board of Trustees election, and the City of Odessa Council election (subject to approval of such other political subdivisions) to be held on the same date, pursuant to provisions of Section 271.002 of the Texas Election Code

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that said election shall be conducted according to a Contract for Elections Services pursuant to Texas Election Code, Section 31.091, entered into between the Board of Trustees and the Ector

County Election Officer.

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall post on the bulletin board in the building where the Board of Trustees meets the names and positions sought of all candidates that have filed their applications in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Order, and said Secretary shall otherwise comply with the terms and provisions of Section 4.003 of the Texas Election Code.

The polling places for said election shall open at 7:00 A.M. and shall close at 7:00 P.M., and said election shall be held at voting precincts within the positions.

Each Presiding Judge shall appoint not more than eight qualified election clerks to serve and assist in conducting said election; provided that in each instance where the Presiding Judge actually serves as expected, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of such clerks in said election precinct.

Early voting for the above designated election shall be held at the Ector County Administration Building Annex, 1010 E. 8th Street, Odessa, Texas, within the boundaries of said district, and the said place of early voting shall remain open for at least eight hours on each day of early voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official state holiday, beginning the twentieth day and continuing through the fourth day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on each day of early voting.

The manner of holding said election shall be governed, as nearly as

may be, by the Election Code of the State of Texas.

Immediately after said election has been held, the officials holding the same shall return to the President of the Board of Trustees in a sealed envelope a copy of the returns, poll lists, and tally sheets for said election, and this set of election returns shall be used by the Board of Trustees in canvassing said election.

Another copy of the returns, poll lists, and tally sheets of said election shall be delivered to the President of the Board of Trustees in an unsealed envelope, and this envelope shall be available in the office of the Superintendent open to inspection by the public for sixty days from the date of the election.

The Presiding Judges for said election shall return to Sharon Wilson, County Election Officer, immediately after voting has been completed, all election supplies. The Presiding Judge of the Central Counting Station shall, immediately after the votes are counted, deliver the voted ballots to Sharon Wilson, County Election Officer, designated custodian thereof, who shall make proper provision for the storage and safekeeping of the ballot boxes containing the voted ballots in the County Courthouse of Ector County, Texas. The Presiding Judge of the Central Counting Station shall, immediately after the votes are counted, deliver the list of serial numbers of the seals on the sealed ballots boxes containing the voting ballots to the Sheriff, County of Ector. All equipment used in, and all combined records of, said election shall be preserved and kept in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Texas Election

Code. Sharon Wilson, County Election Officer, is designated to be the custodian of the combined records.

The Board of Trustees shall give notice of said election, and this combined Election Order and Notice or a short form thereof shall serve as notice for said election. The President shall cause a copy of this Election Order and Notice or a short form thereof to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where this school district is located. Said publication shall be not more than 30 days nor less than 10 days before the date of the election. The President shall also cause a copy of this Election Order and Notice to be posted on the bulletin board where notices of meetings are placed in the school administration building, 802 N. Sam Houston, Odessa, Texas, at least 21 days before election date.

It is further found and determined that in accordance with the order of the Board of trustees the Secretary posted written notice of the date, place, and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board, located in the Administration Office, a place convenient to the public, and said notice having been so posted and remained posted for at least three days preceding the date of meeting.

The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that the same do pass, and upon the question being called for, the following members of the Board of Trustees voted:

Aye:

No:

In testimony whereof, witness the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Ector County Independent School District, this the ninth day of March, 2004.

Delma J. Abalos, President

Attest:

Floy Hinson, Secretary