ORDER NO. 227

HAYS TRINITY GROUNDWATER	**§**
CONSERVATION DISTRICT	**§**
ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS IN	**§**
SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS	**§**
HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS	**§**

ORDER OF ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS IN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS

On this 2nd day of May 2024, the Board of Directors of Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District convened in regular session, open to the public, with the following **members** Present: Linda Kaye Rogers, David Smith, Bruce Moulton, Carlos Torres-Verdin, and Doc Jones; constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings had by the Board of Directors was the following:

WHEREAS, the terms of office of certain members of the Board of Directors of this groundwater conservation district, will expire on December 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Board to pass an order establishing the procedures for filing and for conducting said director election,

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED THAT:

Section 1. An Election be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for electing directors of single-member districts DISTRICT NO. 1 and DISTRICT NO. 5, single-member districts approved by the Board of Directors for electing directors.

Section 2. That all requests by candidates to have their **NAMES PLACED UPON THE BALLOT** for the above-mentioned election shall be in writing and signed by the candidates and filed with the Secretary to the Board of Directors no earlier than 8 AM, July 20, 2024 and no later than 5 PM, August 19, 2024.

Section 3. Early Voting. Jennifer Doinoff, Elections Administrator and Voter Registrar of Hays County, Texas, is hereby appointed Early Voting Clerk.

Dates & Locations of Early Voting

Monday, October 21 through Friday, November 1, 2024
Specific times and polling locations of early voting will be conducted in accordance with the Hays County Early Voting Schedule.

The early voting by ballot shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code. The address of 712 South Stagecoach Trail, Suite 1012, San Marcos TX 78666 shall be the early voting clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and voted ballots by mail may be sent. Applications for Ballots by Mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 25, 2024.

Section 4. Ballots. Ballots utilized in connection with the election for all early voting as well as for all voting conducted on Election Day shall be prepared in conformity with the Texas Election Code and the Texas Water Code and applicable federal law.

Section 5. Notice of Election. Notice of said election, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District before October 26, 2024, and shall be given in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Texas Election Code. Notice shall also be provided to the Hays County Clerk and posted at the early voting polling place, as required by the Texas Election Code.

Section 6. Joint Election. The election shall be administered as a Joint Election as authorized under Texas Election Code § 271.002.

Section 7. General. Said election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code, and only resident qualified voters within the boundaries of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District shall be eligible to vote at said election. Only resident qualified voters of the District, in their respective single-member districts, shall be entitled to vote in the election for candidates for the director positions at issue in their respective single-member districts.

The presiding officer is hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct said election.

Immediately after the election, the presiding judge of each polling place shall deliver the returns of the election to the board, and the board shall canvass the returns and declare the result.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS 2nd DAY OF May 2024.

By: Bruce A Moulton
Bruce Moulton,
HTGCD Board President

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 - Uniform Election Date	
Deadline to post candidate requirements[5] Form 1-20	Sunday, November 5, 2023
Deadline to Post Notice of Candidate Filing Deadline (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only)	Thursday, June 20, 2024 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates[1]
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Monday, January 1, 2024* **First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2024 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.*
First Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only)[1]	Saturday, July 20, 2024
First Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (General Election for State and County Officers)	Saturday, July 20, 2024
Last Day to Order General Election or Special Election on a Measure	Monday, August 19, 2024
Last Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only)[2]	Monday, August 19, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. See note below relating to four-year terms [3]
Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (General Election for State and County Officers)	Monday, August 19, 2024
Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only)	Friday, August 23, 2024
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, October 7, 2024
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Monday, October 21, 2024
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (**Received, not** Postmarked)	Friday, October 25, 2024

Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Friday, November 1, 2024
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is **not** postmarked, **OR** Wednesday, November 6, 2024 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply)[4]

[1] For the few entities who do not have a first day to file: For the November 5, 2024 election, Saturday, July 20, 2024 is the deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline for local political subdivisions that do not have a first day to file for their candidates.

Local political subdivisions include: cities, school districts, water districts, hospital districts, and any other local government entity that conducts elections. Many of these elections are conducted on the May uniform election date.

[2] Filing deadlines: generally, the filing deadline is the 78th day prior to Election Day. The Code may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Texas Election Code (the "Code"). Write-in deadlines for general and special elections vary. See the long calendar for this election date for details. The write-in deadline for most local (city, school, other) **special elections** is now the same day as the filing deadline for application for a place on the ballot. Section 201.054.

[3] If no candidate for a **four-year term** has filed an application for a place on the ballot for a **city office**, the filing deadline for that office is extended to 5 p.m. of the 57th day before the election. See Section 143.008 of the Code.

[4] Different deadlines apply to the last day to receive ballots sent by the following: 1) non-military and military voters who mailed ballots from overseas and submitted a regular state Application for Ballot by Mail ("ABBM"), 2) non-military voters who mailed ballots from overseas and who submitted a Federal Postcard Application ("FPCA"), and (3) military voters and members of the Texas National Guard, who mailed ballots domestically or from overseas and who submitted an FPCA. *See* Secs. 86.007, 101.001 and 101.057 of the Code.

[5] Section 2051.201 of the Government Code requires all political subdivisions with the authority to impose a tax maintain a publicly accessible Internet website and post the date and location of the next election for officers of the political subdivision and the requirements and deadline for filing for candidacy of each

elected office of the political subdivision, which shall be continuously posted for at least one year before the election day for the office.

Please contact the Elections Division of the Office of the Texas Secretary of State at 1-800-252-VOTE (8683) for additional information.

https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/important-election-dates.shtml#2024