

**ORDER CALLING DIRECTOR ELECTION
FOR WEBB COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors now must call an election to elect three (3) directors of the District on the regular directors' election date; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WEBB COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 THAT:

Section 1: An election shall be held for the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the 4th day of May, 2024, in Webb County, Texas, at locations to be designated by the Board of Directors in the event the election is not cancelled as permitted by law. At said election, there shall be submitted to the duly qualified resident electors of the District the matter of electing three (3) directors.

Section 2: The District is composed of one election precinct as established by Webb County.

Early voting in the election by personal appearance shall occur on each day from April 22, 2024, through April 30, 2024, at the dates, times, and locations to be identified in a supplement to this order in the event the election is not cancelled as permitted by law. The mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots to be voted by mail may be sent is Crane Engineering, 1310 Junction Drive, Suite B, Laredo, Texas, 78041. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 23, 2022.

Section 3: Written application to have a person's name printed on the ballot as a candidate for the office of director of the District, signed by the candidate must be received by the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District not later than 5:00 p.m. on February 16, 2024. No person's name shall be placed on the ballot unless he or she is at least eighteen (18) years of age, is a citizen of the United States, is a resident of the State of Texas, has resided continuously in the state for twelve (12) months and within the territory of the District for six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the election, and otherwise satisfies the qualifications for holding a public office contained in the Texas Election Code and Chapters 49 and 56, Texas Water Code. No person who is disqualified by the laws of the State of Texas from serving as a director of this District shall have his or her name placed on the ballot. The Secretary is authorized to determine the qualifications of candidates for office. If the Secretary determines that an applicant is not qualified, she shall give written notice to the applicant of the reason for the rejection. Blank applications and copies of this order may be obtained from the District's Engineer, Edward Garza, P.E., Crane Engineering, 1310 Junction Drive, Suite B, Laredo, Texas, 78041.

Edward Garza is hereby appointed as the District's Agent to perform various election duties for the election, including maintaining in such Agent's office at 1310 Junction Drive, Suite B, Laredo, Texas, 78041, the documents, records, and other papers relating to the election that by law are placed in the custody of the Board of Directors and that are public information. The Agent shall receive any personally delivered document relating to the election that the Board of Directors is authorized or required to receive and shall make available for inspection and copying, in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations, the documents, records, and other papers that are required to be maintained in the Agent's office and may perform any other ministerial duties in connection with the election that may lawfully be performed by an employee of the District.

Declarations of write-in candidacy must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

Section 4: When the number of candidates to appear on the ballot exceeds the number of offices to be filled, the order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing to be conducted by the Secretary. The Secretary shall post notice within the District, at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time at which the drawing is to be held, of the time and place of the drawing, and shall also mail notice of the date, hour, and place of the drawing to each candidate, at the address stated on the candidate's application for a place on the ballot, not later than the fourth day before the day of the drawing. Each candidate involved in the drawing or a representative designated by the candidate shall have a right to be present and observe the drawing.

Pursuant to Section 49.103(h), Texas Water Code, the Secretary, upon receipt of certification that each candidate whose name is to appear on the ballot is unopposed, is authorized to post notice that the election is not to be held at the polling place that would have been used at the election. The notice of cancellation shall be posted on or before April 22, 2024.

Section 5: The ballots used in the election shall have printed thereon the names of the candidates for the office of director and two (2) blank spaces for write-in votes. The voter may vote for none (0), one (1), two (2), or three (3) persons for director by placing an "X" in the square beside the person's name or by writing the name or names of a person or persons in the blank spaces provided. Oral assistance in Spanish shall be made available to all persons requiring such assistance. Any person requiring oral assistance in Spanish shall contact the District's agent.

Section 6: The Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to cause notice of the election to be posted in the location used for posting notices of meetings of the Board of Directors on or before April 13, 2024. In addition, notice of the election will be provided to the county clerk of Webb County as required by the Texas Election Code. In the event the election is cancelled, no posting or publication of the notice is required.

Section 7: The election shall be held and conducted and returns made to this Board of Directors in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as modified by Chapters 49 and 56, Texas Water Code.

Section 8: The rate of pay for judges and clerks of the election shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the District, in compliance with the Texas Election Code.

Section 9: The President and Secretary are authorized and directed to take any action necessary to carry out the provisions of this order.

Section 10: The website for the District is <https://webbcountydrainage.com/>.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 13th day of February, 2024.



President, Board of Directors



Secretary, Board of Directors

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