

ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION AND NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF UPTON
RANKIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Rankin Independent School District (the "*District*") deems it advisable to call the bond election hereinafter ordered (the "*Election*"); and

WHEREAS, the bond referendum is subject to the provisions of Section 45.003, Texas Election Code, and the District is contracting to jointly hold the Election with the City of Rankin, Texas (the "*City*"), a political subdivision that is a party to an interlocal agreement for Election Services (the "*Election Contract*"); and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RANKIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. *Election Ordered; Polling Places.* The Election shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 2019 ("*Election Day*"). The Election is to be conducted with the City, as provided by Chapter 271, Texas Election Code (the "*Code*") and the Election Contract. Voting for the Election on Election Day and Early Voting shall occur on the dates and during the hours and at the designated polling places as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, which exhibit is hereby made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. Exhibit "A" shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places required to conform to the Code and the Election Contract.

Section 3. *Early Voting.* Early voting shall be conducted by the District. Voting by personal appearance shall begin on April 22, 2019 and conclude on April 30, 2019, and will be conducted at the Early Voting locations on the dates and at the times specified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. The District shall administer its Early Voting for the Election. The Early Voting clerk shall be Dawn Wyatt and shall keep the early voting polling places shall remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance for any registered voter of the District at such voting place. Exhibit "A" shall be modified to include additional or different early voting polling places required to conform to the Code.

Section 4. *Election Officials.* The Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge for each Early Voting Precinct shall be appointed and qualify to serve in accordance with the Code. Each Presiding Judge for each Election Day polling site shall appoint not less than two and no more than five qualified election clerks to serve and assist in conducting the Election, as more

specifically provided in the Election Contract; provided that if the Presiding Judge serves as expected, any Alternate Judge shall be one of such clerks.

Section 5. Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall be mailed to the address below and received (not postmarked) by April 23, 2019.

By Mail or Personal Delivery

Dawn Wyatt
Rankin ISD
P.O. Box 90
Rankin, Texas 79778

Rankin ISD Administration Building
1201 Upton
Rankin, Texas 79778

Phone: 432-693-2455
Fax: 432-693-2353
Email: dwyatt@rankinisd.net

Section 6. *Early Voting Ballots.* An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election. The Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the Early Voting Ballot Board members and, if needed, the Signature Verification Committee members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

Section 7. *Qualified Voters.* All qualified electors of and residing in the District, shall be entitled to vote at the election.

Section 8. *Proposition.* At the Election the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

RANKIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
RANKIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Rankin Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$34,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and equipping school facilities within the District and the purchase of necessary sites for school buildings, and the purchase of school buses and vehicles, with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law 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 the bonds?

Section 9. *Ballots.* The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the

aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

RANKIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
RANKIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

FOR _____)
AGAINST _____) THE ISSUANCE OF \$34,000,000 OF BONDS BY THE RANKIN
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND LEVYING THE TAX
IN PAYMENT THEREOF)
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Section 10. *Compliance with Federal Law.* In all respects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Code. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") and the Code, at each polling place there shall be at least one voting system that is equipped for disabled individuals, and each such voting system shall be a system that has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State as compliant with HAVA and the Code.

Section 11. The following information is provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.009(b), Texas Election Code.

- (a) The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 9 hereof.
- (b) The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 hereof.
- (c) The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is \$34,000,000.
- (d) If the bonds are approved by the voters, the Board of Trustees will be authorized to levy 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 the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds.
- (e) Based upon the bond market conditions at the date of adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate for any series of the Bonds is estimated to be 5.00%. Such estimated maximum rate is provided as a matter of information, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the Bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold.
- (f) If the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature serially, over a period not to exceed 35 years from the date of issuance of each series of bonds.
- (g) The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations as of the beginning of the District's 2018-19 fiscal year is \$28,220,000.00.
- (h) The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest of the District's debt obligations as of the beginning of the District's 2018-19 fiscal year is \$22,401,970.75.

(i) The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District for the 2018-19 fiscal year is \$0.10 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

EXHIBIT A
POLLING LOCATIONS, DATES AND HOURS

Election Day: May 4, 2019

Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Polling Place No. 1, for those persons residing in the District and voting in Voting Precinct 1, Voting Box 1 and Voting Precinct 2, Voting Box 2 (Rankin and all areas other than the Midkiff area), will be at

Upton County Park Building
310 East 10th Street, Rankin, Texas,
79778

Polling Place No. 2, for those persons residing in the District voting in Voting Precinct 1, Voting Box 5 (the Midkiff area), will be at

Midkiff Community Center
12701 North Farm-to-Market Road 2401
Midkiff, Texas, 79755

EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE

Early Voting Dates and Hours:

April 22, 2019 – April 30, 2019, excluding Saturday and Sunday
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

All early voting shall be conducted at the following Early Voting Polling Place

Rankin ISD Administration Building
1201 Upton
Rankin, Texas 79778