

NOTICE OF ELECTION

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HOCKLEY §

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE WHITHARRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an election will be held within Whitharral Independent School District, on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, as provided in the Order Calling Bond Election passed by the Board of Trustees of Whitharral Independent School District, a verbatim copy of which Order is printed below.

**ORDER OF WHITHARRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
CALLING A BOND ELECTION AND
PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION
AND OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT THERETO**

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WHITHARRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Whitharral Independent School District (the “District”) held a regular meeting on August 6, 2018, and that said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551; and,

WHEREAS, the District deems it advisable to call the Bond Election (the “Election”) hereinafter ordered: and,

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined at said meeting that (1) it is in the public interest that the Election hereinafter ordered should be conducted jointly with Hockley County (the “County”); (2) the Election meets the requirements for a joint election under section 271.001, *et seq.*, of the Texas Election Code; and, (3) it is in the public’s interest for the District to hold the hereinafter called Election on November 6, 2018, a uniform election date established by section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the District contemporaneously herewith has approved a Joint Election Agreement and Election Services Contract with Hockley County (the “JEA”);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT:

1. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof. The Election shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on November 6, 2018. The Election shall occur at the following designated polling place, and with the following election officers, who are

hereby appointed to hold said Election:

Whitharral Lion's Club
Highway 385 and 2nd St.
Whitharral, TX 79380

Which consists of Hockley County Voting Precinct 43

Presiding Judge: Paula Wade
Alternate Judge: Garey Smith

2. Each Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) but no more than six (6) qualified election clerks to serve and assist in conducting the Election; provided that if the Presiding Judge actually serves as expected, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of such clerks.

3. Early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance at the Main Early Voting Place:

Hockley County Elections Office
911 Austin St.
Levelland, TX 79336

Early voting shall be conducted during the period of early voting as required or permitted by law, being October 22, 2018 through November 2, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Early voting at the Main Early Voting Place shall be conducted on each day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal state holidays, when there shall be no early voting by personal appearance, and shall at all times remain open during the above noted hours for early voting by personal appearance.

4. Pursuant to the JEA, the Early Voting Clerk for the Election shall be Cheryl Smart, the Hockley County Elections Administrator, and the Deputy Early Voting Clerk shall be Nancy Demel.

5. Applications for early voting by mail shall be sent to Cheryl Smart, Hockley County Elections Administrator, 624 Ave. H, Suite 103, Levelland, TX 79336 or by email at csmart@hockleycounty.org. Application for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 26, 2018.

6. Pursuant to the JEA, an Early Voting Ballot Board consisting of a Presiding Judge and at least 2 other members shall be created to process early voting results of the Election.

7. All qualified electors of and residing in the District shall be entitled to vote at the Election.

8. At the Election, the following PROPOSITION, setting forth the purpose for which the bonds will be authorized, shall be submitted in accordance with law:

WHITHARRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
WHITHARRAL ISD PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Trustees of Whitharral Independent School District be authorized to issue bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,650,000 for the construction, acquisition, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the District, with the bonds to mature serially or otherwise not more than 40 years from their date, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with the 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 and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?

9. 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:

WHITHARRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
WHITHARRAL ISD PROPOSITION A

_____	FOR) THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,650,000 OF BONDS BY
) WHITHARRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION,
) RENOVATION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL
_____	AGAINST) BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, AND THE LEVYING OF
) THE TAX FOR PAYMENT THEREOF

10. The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 9 above. The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 above. The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is \$1,650,000. 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.

11. Based upon current market conditions at the date of the adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate of the bonds or any series of bonds, if authorized, is estimated to be 3.5%. Such 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. Market conditions may vary at the time the bonds are sold and affect the available interest rate.

12. As set forth in Section 8 above, if the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature over a specified period not to exceed 40 years. The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which the Election is ordered is \$0.00. The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest of the District's debt obligations as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which the Election is ordered is \$0.00. The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District at the time the Election is ordered is

\$0.00 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

13. Notice of the Election, in both English and Spanish, shall contain a verbatim copy of this Order, and shall contain all information required by law, including the locations and times for early voting and election day voting, as well as the proposition and ballot language to be submitted to the voters (the "Notice"). The Notice shall be published at least one time, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District or, if none is published in the District, in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. In addition, not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the Election, or not later than the next business day if the 21st day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal state holiday, the Notice shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board of Trustees.

14. The Notice shall also be posted: (i) on election day and during early voting by personal appearance in a prominent location at each polling place; and, (ii) not later than the 21st day before the Election, in 3 public places within the boundaries of the District. During the 21 days before the Election, the Notice shall also be prominently posted on the District's internet web site. All other necessary notices shall be posted and delivered, as may be required by law.

15. In all respects the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and any other applicable state or federal law, except as modified by the Texas Education Code.

16. The Election shall be conducted as a joint election with and administered by the election official for Hockley County. The JEA in the form and substance presented at this meeting is hereby approved, and the Superintendent or President of the Board of Trustees are hereby authorized and directed to take appropriate actions on behalf of the District as necessary in connection with said JEA.

17. To the extent permitted by law, the Board President or Superintendent, in consultation with the District's legal counsel, are hereby authorized and may make changes to the JEA, polling places, election judges and officers, and election procedures in the event changes are required because of such joint election, or which may become necessary due to circumstances arising after the date of this Order, and are further directed to take any and all action as necessary to comply with state and federal law in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.
