



PANOLA COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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Panola County
110 S Sycamore, Room 216A
Carthage TX 75633
Attn: Judge LeAnn Jones

RE: Notice of Vote Entitlement

Dear Judge Jones:

This fall there will be an election of five (5) directors for the 2016-2017 term of the Board of Directors. All county appraisal district directors serve two-year terms, which begin on January 1 of even number years. The Panola County Appraisal District's Board of Directors do not have staggered terms like the Appraisal Review Board, nor do they have term limitations.

The 2007-80th Legislation enacted HB 1010, which amends Section 6.02 (a) stating that the appraisal district's boundary lines are the same as the county's boundary lines. Also amended is Section 6.03 stating that a taxing unit is entitled to vote for appraisal district directors for the terms beginning on January 1, 2010, in each appraisal district in which the taxing unit will participate in 2010.

To be eligible to serve on the board of directors, an individual other than a county assessor-collector serving as a non-voting director of the district must have resided in the district for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the date the individual takes office. An individual who is otherwise eligible to serve on the board is not ineligible because of membership on the governing body of a taxing unit. An employee of a taxing unit that participates in the district is not eligible to serve on the board unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the District. Effective September 1, 2001, HB 490 restricts an individual from serving as an appraisal district director if the individual owes delinquent taxes for more than sixty (60) days after the individual knew or should have known of the delinquency. This restriction does not apply if the taxes are under an installment payment agreement or a tax deferral/abatement.

Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code requires the Chief Appraiser to calculate the number of votes for each voting unit in the CAD and notify the units **before October 1**. The number of votes for each unit is based on the ratio of the unit's tax levy in the preceding year to the total taxes levied by all voting units in the preceding year. Enclosed you will find a worksheet of your allocated votes.

Each voting unit may nominate by resolution adopted by its governing body, one candidate for each position to be filled and submit the name(s) to the chief appraiser **before October 15**. Therefore, you may nominate up to five (5) candidates. Please place this item on your agenda for your **September** meeting and provide the results to the Panola County Appraisal District's office upon the decision made by your district so that we may begin preparation for the next step in the election.

Before October 30, I will prepare a ballot and deliver a copy of the ballot to each taxing unit entitled to vote. Each taxing unit shall vote by resolution and submit the results to me **before December 15**, or after your November board meeting. I will count the votes, declare the five candidates who received the largest cumulative vote totals, and notify you and the five new directors of the results **before December 31**. Thank you in advance for electing a progressive Board for the 2016-2017 term. Each board member actively participates and contributes to the success of our organization.

Should you have any questions regarding the calculations, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



Douglas McPhail, RPA CCA
Chief Appraiser

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Enclosure

2016-2017 Board of Directors Vote Allocation Worksheet

Taxing Unit	2014 Unit Levy	Total Levy	Multiplier	# of Seats	Vote Allocations
City of Beckville	124,109.08	83,637,567.00	1000	5	7
City of Carthage	2,369,513.43	83,637,567.00	1000	5	142
City of Tatum	15,360.70	83,637,567.00	1000	5	1
Beckville ISD	5,223,321.44	83,637,567.00	1000	5	312
Carthage ISD	38,760,413.64	83,637,567.00	1000	5	2,317
Elysian Fields ISD	2,237,888.01	83,637,567.00	1000	5	134
Gary ISD	3,449,056.87	83,637,567.00	1000	5	206
Joaquin ISD	135,844.23	83,637,567.00	1000	5	8
Tatum ISD	862,960.37	83,637,567.00	1000	5	52
Tenaha ISD	18,164.70	83,637,567.00	1000	5	1
Panola County	20,220,025.39	83,637,567.00	1000	5	1,209
Panola County Special	602,510.07	83,637,567.00	1000	5	36
Panola College	9,618,399.07	83,637,567.00	1000	5	575
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**2014-2015 Panola County Appraisal District
Board of Directors**

Current Members

Mr. Jerry Hanszen, Chairman

Mrs. Walta Cooke, Secretary

Mr. Dewey G. (Sonny) Brasher **~~X~~

(Mrs. Debbie Crawford)

Mr. Virgil Wedgeworth

Mr. Cody Cockerham

** Mr. Dewey G. (Sonny) Brasher does not wish to serve next term.