

## BOARD INFORMATION

Precinct	Director's Name	Position	City	State	County	Term Expires
1	Terry Canada	Director	Wellington	Texas	Collingsworth	November 2020
2	Matthew Tarver	Director	Shamrock	Texas	Collingsworth	November 2022
3	Danny Wischkaemper	Director	Wellington	Texas	Collingsworth	November 2022
4	Jerry Lewis	President	Wellington	Texas	Collingsworth	November 2020
5	Johnny Lindley	Vice-President	Lakeview	Texas	Hall	November 2020
6	Mat Montgomery	Secretary	Memphis	Texas	Hall	November 2022
7	Rex Fuston	Director	Turkey	Texas	Hall	November 2020
8	Curtis Scrivner	Director	Turkey	Texas	Hall	November 2022

District Precinct location maps are available at the District's office, 802 9<sup>th</sup> ST, Wellington, TX 79095.

## DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

The governing body of a district is the board of directors which shall consist of not fewer than five and not more than 11 directors elected for staggered four-year terms [Texas Water Code ("TWC") Section 36.051(a) and Section 8832.051(b), Chapter 8832 Texas Special District Local Laws Code ("Chapter 8832")]. Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District ("District") is governed by an eight-member Board of Directors. The Board's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, adopting and monitoring the District's annual budget, setting an annual tax rate and other fees to fund the budget, setting District goals, developing and implementing the District's management plan, adopting and enforcing District Rules, ensuring the District operates within its statutory authority, and developing and implementing policies and other orders.

District board elections are conducted according to TWC Sections 36.017(b) – (h) and the Texas Election Code. Write-in candidates for any District office shall be governed by Subchapter C, Chapter 146, Election Code ("Subchapter C"). Subchapter C provides that for an election that is held on the uniform election date, the day of the filing deadline for write-in candidacy is the 74<sup>th</sup> day before election day [TWC Section 36.059(a) and Texas Election Code Section 146.054(b)].

Directors of the District shall be elected according to the precinct method as defined by Chapter 12, page 1105, Special Laws, Acts of the 46<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 1939 [TWC Section 36.059(b)]. To be qualified to be elected as a Director, a person must be a resident of the District, at least 18 years of age, and a registered voter in the precinct that the person desires to represent [Section 8832.054(a), Chapter 8832 and TWC 36.059(b)].

You are eligible to register to vote if:

- You are a United States citizen;
- You are a resident of the county where you submit the application to vote;
- You are at least 17 years and 10 months old, and you are 18 years of age on Election Day;
- You are not a convicted felon (you may be eligible to vote if you have completed your sentence, probation, and parole); and
- You have not been declared by a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be either totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

A member of a governing body of another political subdivision is ineligible for appointment or election as a Director. A Director is disqualified and vacates the office of Director if the Director is appointed or elected as a member of the governing body of another political subdivision [TWC 36.051(c); Texas Constitution Article 16, Section 40; and Common-Law Doctrine of Incompatibility].

A candidate must complete an Application for a Place on the General Election Ballot. A candidate may obtain and complete the Application at the District's office at 802 Ninth Street, Wellington, Texas 79095. The completed Application must be filed with the District.

A candidate must appoint a Campaign Treasurer [Texas Election Code Section 252.001]. A candidate may appoint himself or herself as the Campaign

Treasurer. A candidate may obtain and complete form CTA at the District's office at 802 Ninth Street, Wellington, Texas 79095. The completed form must be filed with the District.

A candidate must file campaign finance reports with the District. Candidates can refer to the Campaign Finance Guide for Candidates and Officeholders Who File With Local Filing Authorities provided by the Texas Ethics Commission at the following link:

[https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/guides/coh\\_local\\_guide.pdf](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/guides/coh_local_guide.pdf)

### **Important Dates for the November 3, 2020 General Election:**

The District holds an election to elect the appropriate number of directors on a uniform election date in each even-numbered year [Section 8832.053, Chapter 8832]. The next District election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 for Director Precinct 1 (Collingsworth County) Director Precinct 4 (Collingsworth County), Director Precinct 5 (Hall County) and Director Precinct 7 (Hall County). The November 3, 2020 election will be held within the respective confines of: Collingsworth County, Texas; and Hall County, Texas. Location of Election Day Polling Places and Precinct Numbers shall be specified in the Notice of General Election filed in the District office and published on the District's website on Friday, October 2, 2020.

- First Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot: Saturday, July 18, 2020
- Last Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot: Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- First Day to File a Declaration of Write-In Candidacy: Saturday, July 18, 2020
- Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy: Friday, August 21, 2020
- Uniform Election Date: November 3, 2020

## **Important Dates for the November 8, 2022 General Election:**

Elections for Director Precinct 2 (Collingsworth County); Director Precinct 3 (Collingsworth County); Director Precinct 6 (Hall County); and Director Precinct 8 (Hall County) will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

## **INTERESTED IN RUNNING?**

Contact District Election Administrator, Whitney Wiebe, at [admin@mesquitegcd.org](mailto:admin@mesquitegcd.org) for more information.