

**MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**ORDER CALLING GENERAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025**

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (the “District”) met in regular session, open to the public, after due notice, at 930 Wolfe Nursery Rd, Stephenville, Texas 76401 on Thursday, August 14, 2025; whereupon the roll was called off the members of the Board of Directors, to wit:

Charles Ferguson	President
Barbara Domel	Vice President
Fred B. Parker	Secretary
Joe Altebaumer	Director
Kenneth Bullington	Director
Rodney Stephens	Director
Ed Dittfurth	Director
W.B. Maples	Director
Robert Payne	Director
Butch Ronne	Director
Michael Shane Tucker	Director
Frank Volleman	Director

The following members of the Board were present: Charles Ferguson, Barbara Domel,  
Fred B. Parker, Joe Altebaumer, Kenneth Bullington, W.B. Maples,  
Robert Payne, Butch Ronne, Shane Tucker, Frank Volleman.

WHEREUPON, among other business conducted by the Board, Director W.B. Maples introduced the order set out below and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Director Bullington, and, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board of Directors, said motion was carried by the following vote:

“Aye” 10 ; “No” 0 ; and Abstaining 0 .

The Order thus adopted is as follows:

WHEREAS, the 77<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature enacted House Bill 3665, the enabling act for the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (the “District”), during the Regular Session in 2001 (Acts 2001, 77<sup>th</sup> Leg., R.S., Ch. 1362, eff. Sept. 1, 2001), which enabling act was subsequently amended by the 78<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature (Acts 2003, 78<sup>th</sup> Leg., R.S., Ch. 893, eff. June 20, 2003) and the 81<sup>st</sup> Texas Legislature (Acts 2009, 81<sup>st</sup> Leg., R.S., Ch. 521, eff. June 19, 2009); and

WHEREAS, the District's enabling act was codified in Chapter 8863 of the Texas Special District Local Laws Code by the 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature (Acts 2013, 83<sup>rd</sup> Leg., R.S., Ch. 112, eff. Apr. 1, 2015); and

WHEREAS, Texas Special District Local Laws Code § 8862.055 requires the District to hold an election to elect directors from Bosque and Coryell Counties in each odd-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 41.0052(a) of the Texas Election Code, the District changed its election date to the uniform election date in November by Order of the District's Board of Directors dated November 3, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code establishes the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November as one of the uniform election dates for the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments, local governments may contract or agree with each other to perform governmental functions and services in accordance with Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 31.092 of the Texas Election Code authorizes the county elections officer to contract with the governing body of a political subdivision situated wholly or partly in the county served by the officer to perform election services in any one or more elections ordered by the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors intends to enter into an Election Services Agreement with Bosque County for the provision of election services in Bosque County and intends to enter into an Election Services Agreement with Coryell County for the provision of election services in Coryell County; and

WHEREAS, in the event the Directors Election is uncontested, the Board of Directors will follow the procedures for election of unopposed candidate established by Section 2.051-2.054 of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to provisions of the District's enabling act, Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, and the Texas Election Code, the Board wishes to proceed with the ordering of a Directors Election to be held on November 4, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MIDDLE TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1: The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into this Order for all purposes.

Section 2: An election shall be held by the District on the 4th day of November 2025 ("Election Day"), between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., at which there shall be

submitted the question of the election of two (2) directors to represent Bosque County and one (1) director to represent Coryell County, each of whom shall serve four (4) year terms. All residents, qualified electors of Bosque County shall be entitled to vote in the election for directors representing Bosque County and all residents, qualified electors of Coryell County shall be entitled to vote in the election for a director representing Coryell County. The deadline for candidates to file applications to have their name on the ballot is 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2025, and the deadline for write-in candidates to file a declaration of write-in candidacy is 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2025.

Section 3: Voting in said election during early voting by personal appearance and on Election Day in shall be by the use of the DS200 voting system in Bosque County and Hart voting system in Coryell County, which shall have available both English and Spanish and which shall conform to the requirements of the Texas Election Code. Oral bilingual assistance shall be available during the election and may be obtained by contacting the Election Judges.

Section 4: The Board of Directors of the District intends to enter into an Election Services Agreement with Bosque and Coryell Counties for the conduct of the District Directors Election. Pursuant to the respective Election Agreements, the Bosque and Coryell County Election Administrators will designate the Presiding Judges. The Presiding Judges may appoint, as they deem necessary, clerks to assist in the conduct of the election, not to exceed the maximum number of five (5).

Section 5: Early Voting and Election Day Voting

**BOSQUE COUNTY:**

Early voting by personal appearance in Bosque County will be conducted each weekday at: Election Administration Building, 104 W Morgan, Meridian, Texas 76665, and 107 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Valley Mills, TX 76689

Early voting by personal appearance in Bosque County shall begin on October 24, 2025, and shall continue through October 31, 2025, except for Saturdays, Sundays, and official state holidays.

Ashley Rupp shall serve as the Early Voting Clerk to conduct early voting in Bosque County. Applications for ballots by mail and ballots to be voted by mail may be sent to the Early Voting Clerk via email to [a.rupp@bosquecounty.gov](mailto:a.rupp@bosquecounty.gov) or via mail to Ashley Rupp, Elections Administrator, P.O. Box 411, Meridian, Texas 76665. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 24, 2025.

The District will use the Election Day polling locations as established by Bosque County. Election Day voting in Bosque County will be conducted at the following locations on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

<b>Voting Precinct</b>	<b>Polling Location</b>	<b>Address</b>
1, 2, 3	Meridian – Civic Center	309 West River Street, Meridian, TX 76665
4, 5, 6	Meridian – Civic Center	309 West River Street, Meridian, TX 76665
7, 8	Clifton – Civic Center	403 West 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Clifton, TX 76634
9	Clifton – Civic Center	403 West 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Clifton, TX 76634
10	Valley Mills – Old City Hall	107 South 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Valley Mills, TX 76689
11	Cayote – Community Center	3339 FM 56, Valley Mills, TX 76689

**CORYELL COUNTY:**

Early voting by personal appearance in Coryell County will be conducted:

October 20-24 (8 am to 5 pm), October 17-29 (8am to 5 pm), and October 30-31 (8am to 5 pm):

Copperas Cove Early Voting Center 809 S. Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522  
 Gatesville Annex 800 E. Leon St., Ste B, Gatesville, TX 76528

Justin Carothers shall serve as the Early Voting Clerk to conduct early voting in Coryell County. Applications for ballots by mail and ballots to be voted by mail may be sent to the Early Voting Clerk via email to [tac@coryelltax.com](mailto:tac@coryelltax.com) or via mail to Justin Carothers, Early Voting Clerk, P.O. Box 6, Gatesville, Texas 76528. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 24, 2025.

The District will use the Election Day polling locations as established by Coryell County. Coryell County uses voting centers as its polling locations and allows voters to vote in any center regardless of the precinct that voters live in. Election Day voting in Erath County will be conducted at the following locations on **Tuesday, November 4, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Copperas Cove Civic Center  
1206 West Avenue B, Copperas Cove, TX 76522

Holy Family Catholic Church  
1201 Veterans Avenue, Copperas Cove, TX 76522

Eastside Baptist Church  
1202 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Copperas Cove, TX 76522

Gatesville Civic Center  
303 Veterans Memorial Drive, Gatesville, TX 76528

Evant City Hall  
598 East US Highway 84, Evant, TX 76525

Flat Community Center  
159 CR 334, Fort Hood, TX 76544

Oglesby Community Center  
118 Main Street, Oglesby, TX 76561

Turnersville Community Center  
8115 FM 182, Gatesville, TX 76528

Section 6: The election shall be held and conducted and returns made to this Board of Directors in accordance with the Texas Election Code and Chapter 36, Texas Water Code.

Section 7: The Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to determine if the candidates are unopposed for election based on the following conditions:

(1) Only one candidate's name is to be placed on the ballot for each director position available; and

(2) No candidate's name is to be placed on a list of write-in candidates for the office of director.

If such circumstances exist, the Secretary of the Board shall certify in writing which, if any, candidates are unopposed for election to the office of director. The certification shall be delivered to the Board of Directors as soon as possible after the filing deadlines for placement on the ballot and list of write-in candidates. On receipt of the certification, the Board of Directors may declare each unopposed candidate elected to office, the election for that position will not be held, and a copy of the order declaring the candidate elected shall be posted at the polling place on Election Day.

Section 8: To the extent the results of the election are not declared in accordance with Section 7 of this Order, the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to provide notice of this election, in English and Spanish, by any one or more of the following methods in accordance with Section 4.003, Texas Election Code:

- (1) By publishing the notice at least once, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before Election Day in a newspaper of general circulation in the territory if none is published in the jurisdiction of the authority responsible for giving the notice;
- (2) By posting, not later than the 21st day before Election Day, a copy of the notice at a public place in each election precinct that is in the jurisdiction of the authority responsible for giving the notice; or
- (3) By mailing, not later than the 10th day before Election Day, a copy of the notice to each registered voter of the territory that is covered by the election and is in the jurisdiction of the authority responsible for giving the notice.

In addition to the above methods of providing notice, the Secretary of the Board shall have notice of this election, in English and Spanish, posted not later than the 21st day before the election on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the Board of Directors. Such notice shall remain posted continuously through Election Day.

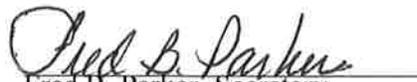
Section 9: Pursuant to Section 31.123, Texas Election Code, the Secretary of the Board hereby appoints Patrick Wagner, Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, 930 N. Wolfe Nursery Rd, Stephenville, Texas 76401 as the District's agent for this election.

Section 10: The Board President and Secretary are authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out the purposes of this Order.

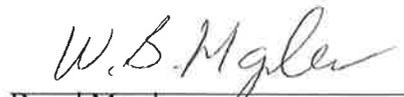
PASSED AND APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

ATTEST:

  
Charles Ferguson, President

  
Fred B. Parker, Secretary

  
Board Member

  
Board Member