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FRANKLIN COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR  
DEPUTY

**CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER**

THE STATE OF TEXAS       §  
  §  
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN     §

We, the undersigned Board of Directors of the Franklin County Water District (the "Board") hereby certify as follows:

1. The Board convened in a regular meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, at the designated meeting place (the "Meeting"), and the roll was called of the duly constituted members of said Board, to wit:

**Gary Morrow**, President  
**Rodney Newsom**, Vice President  
**Dillon McAdoo**, Secretary

**Bobby Stinson**, Director  
**GW Sharp**, Director

and all of said persons were present, except None, thus constituting a quorum. Whereupon, among other business, the following was transacted at the Meeting (the "Order"):

**AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, ORDERING AND CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 3, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR PRECINCT 1 AND PRECINCT 2; DESIGNATING LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES; ORDERING NOTICES OF ELECTION TO BE GIVEN AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.**

The Order was duly introduced for the consideration of said Board. It was then duly moved and seconded that the Order be passed; and, after due discussion, said motion, carrying with it the passage of the Order, prevailed and carried, with all members of said Board shown present above voting "Aye," except as noted below:

NAYS: 0                    ABSTENTIONS: 0


2. A true, full, and correct copy of the aforesaid Order passed at the Meeting described in the above and foregoing paragraph is attached to and follows this Certificate; said Order has been duly recorded in said Board's minutes of said Meeting; the above and foregoing paragraph is a true, full, and correct excerpt from said Board's minutes of said Meeting pertaining to the passage

of said Order; the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph are the duly chosen, qualified, and acting officers and members of said Board as indicated therein; that each of the officers and members of said Board was duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally, in advance, of the time, place, and purpose of the aforesaid Meeting, and that said Order would be introduced and considered for passage at said Meeting, and each of said officers and members consented, in advance, to the holding of said Meeting for such purpose; 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 Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.


3. The President of the Franklin County Water District hereby approves the Order; and the President and Secretary of the Franklin County Water District hereby declare that their signing of this Certificate shall constitute the signing of the attached and following copy of said Order for all purposes.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.


**FRANKLIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

  
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Gary Morrow, President  
Franklin County Water District

**ATTEST**

  
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Dillon McAdoo, Secretary  
Franklin County Water District

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

  
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Grant Lowry, General Counsel  
Franklin County Water District

FRANKLIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

ORDER NO. 2025-01

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**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Water District, a conservation and reclamation district and governmental entity in the State of Texas (the "District" or "FCWD"), is subject to the laws of the State of Texas as they apply to such districts;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the District has the authority to call a general election for the purpose of electing members of the Board, as provided in Section 3.004 of the Texas Election Code, Chapter 49 of the Texas Water Code, and the District's Enabling Legislation;

**WHEREAS**, Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code, as amended, establishes the first Saturday in May as the uniform election day for the purpose of conducting a general election and/or special election;

**WHEREAS**, this year, the corresponding uniform election date for a general election is Saturday, May 3, 2025;

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Election Code, Texas Water Code, and District's Enabling Legislation requires that an election for Director for Precinct 1 and Director for Precinct 2 be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025;

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Election Code, Texas Water Code, and District's Enabling Legislation further requires the Director for Precinct 1 and Director for Precinct 2 each be elected for a term of four (4) years, or as otherwise provided by law, and until a successor is duly elected and qualified;

**WHEREAS**, the Board has the authority and deems it necessary to call a general election on the date and at the designated polling places provided herein and for the purposes of electing residents to serve on the Board as Director for Precinct 1 and Director for Precinct 2, as hereinafter ordered (the "Election");

**WHEREAS**, on or about August 12, 2024, the District contracted with Franklin County, Texas (the "County"), for the administration of the Election pursuant to an interlocal agreement with the County (the "Election Contract");

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Election Contract, the Franklin County Elections Administrator (the "Elections Administrator") will provide for the administration of the Election for residents of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the Board officially finds and determines that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board hereby declares it in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the District and the residents of Franklin County, Texas, to adopt this Order.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT:**

**Section 1. Findings.** The above findings are hereby found to be true and correct and adopted as findings of fact, incorporated herein, and operative provisions hereof.

**Section 2. Election Order; Polling Places.** The Election shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on **Saturday, May 3, 2025** (the "Election Day"). The Election is to be administered by the Elections Administrator, as provided by Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code and the Election Contract. Voting on Election Day and early voting shall occur on the dates, during the hours, and at the designated polling places as set forth in **ATTACHMENT A**, which Attachment A is attached hereto and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. Attachment A shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places required to conform to the Election Contract and the Texas Election Code.

**Section 3. Election Purpose.** The Election shall be held for the purpose of electing the following members of the Board:

**DIRECTOR, PRECINCT NO. 1** – Term of four (4) years, or as otherwise provided by law, and until a successor is duly elected and qualified.

**DIRECTOR, PRECINCT NO. 2** – Term of four (4) years, or as otherwise provided by law, and until a successor is duly elected and qualified.

**Section 4. Election Notice.** Notice of the Election shall be given by posting and publication, as required by law. The General Manager or designee is hereby directed to cause notice of the Election to be (i) published at least once, not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day or later than the tenth (10th) day before Election Day, as provided in Section 4.003(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code; and (ii) posted on the bulletin board for posting notice of the District's meetings not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before Election Day, as provided in Section 4.003(a)(2) of the Texas Election Code. The notice shall include all items required under Section 4.004 of the

Texas Election Code. A copy of the published notice that contains the name of the newspaper and the date of publication shall be retained as a record of such notice, and the person posting the notice shall make a record at the time of posting stating the date and place of posting in accordance with Section 4.005 of the Texas Election Code. The General Manager or designee is also directed to post the election notice on the District's internet website.

**Section 5. Candidate Filing Information; Qualifications.** The period for filing or amending applications for places on the ballot for the Election shall begin on the date specified in the notice posted by the District and extend until **February 14, 2025, at 5:00 pm**, which is the deadline for the District's receipt of a candidate's application for a place on the ballot. Applications or amendments to applications cannot be accepted if filed and received by the District after the deadline provided in this Section 5. To be eligible for the office of Director, a person must be a qualified voter, at least twenty-one (21) years of age, and reside and own land in the territorial limits of the Precinct for which Director's office they are seeking.

**Section 6. Early Voting.** Early voting shall be administered by the Elections Administrator. Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on April 22, 2025, and conclude on April 29, 2025, and will be conducted at the early voting locations on the dates and at the times specified in Attachment A. The early voting polling places shall remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance for any qualified voter. Attachment A shall be modified to include additional or different early voting polling places required to conform to the Election Contract and the Texas Election Code.

**Section 7. Election Officials.** The appointment of the Presiding Election Judges, Alternate Judges, Early Voting Clerks, the Presiding Judge of the early ballot board and other election officials for the Election shall be made by the Elections Administrator in accordance with the Election Contract and the Texas Election Code. The Elections Administrator may employ other personnel necessary for the proper administration of the Election, including such part-time help as is necessary to prepare for the Election, to ensure the timely delivery of supplies during early voting and on Election Day, and for the efficient tabulation of ballots at the central counting station.

**Section 8. Voting by Mail.** Applications for voting by mail shall be mailed to the address below and received (not postmarked) no later than the close of business on **April 22, 2025**:

Franklin County Elections  
Post Office Box 1047  
Mount Vernon, Texas 75457  
[elections@co.franklin.tx.us](mailto:elections@co.franklin.tx.us)  
Facsimile 903-537-8354  
<https://www.co.franklin.tx.us/page/franklin.Elections>

**Section 9. Early Voting Ballots.** An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election, and the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall be designated by the Elections Administrator. The Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall appoint two (2) 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 10.** Qualified Voters. All qualified electors of and residing in the District and the applicable precinct thereof, shall be entitled to vote at the Election.

**Section 11.** Compliance with Law. In all respects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code, Texas Water Code, and District's Enabling Legislation. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") and the Texas Election Code, at each polling place there shall be at least one (1) 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 Texas Election Code. The Board hereby finds that the voting system to be used by the Elections Administrator in administering the Election is such a system, and, in accordance with Section 123.001 of the Texas Election Code, the Board orders that such voting equipment or other equipment certified by the Texas Secretary of State shall be used by the District in the Election.

**Section 12.** Election Administration and Procedures. The Board hereby authorizes the President, Vice President, Secretary, or General Manager of the District to execute or attest on behalf of the District the Election Contract with the County.

**Section 13.** Canvassing Election Returns; Runoff Election. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. Returns of the Election shall be made to and canvassed by the Board, which shall enter its order declaring the results of the Election. Should a runoff election be required following a canvass of the Election, the Board hereby orders that a runoff election be held within the time period required by law.

**Section 14.** Severability. Should any section, provision, or part of this Order be held unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, or the application to any person or circumstance thereof ineffective or inapplicable, such unconstitutionality, illegality, invalidity, or ineffectiveness of such section, provision, or part shall in no way affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining portion or portions thereof; but as to such remaining portion or portions, the same shall be and remain in full force and effect and to this end the provisions of this Order are declared to be severable.

**Section 15.** Prerequisites Satisfied. All prerequisites for the adoption of this Order have been duly satisfied, conducted, and completed, including, without limitation, all public notices, procedures, and publications as required by law, including, without limitation, the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.

**Section 16.** Effective Date. This Order shall be in full force and take effect upon passage as authorized under Texas law (the "Effective Date").

**AND SO IT IS ORDERED ON THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.**

# ATTACHMENT A

## Early Voting

Early voting by personal appearance shall be available at the following locations, and during the following dates and times:

<b>Polling Place</b> <i>Sitio de Votación</i>		<b>Address</b> <i>Domicilio</i>		<b>Information by phone</b> <i>Informacion por telefono</i>		
Franklin County Annex East <b>(MAIN EARLY VOTING LOCATION)</b>  Franklin County Elections and Voter Registration		502 East Main Street Mount Vernon, TX 75457		903-537-8353		
Sunday <i>Domingo</i>	Monday <i>Lunes</i>	Tuesday <i>Martes</i>	Wednesday <i>Miércoles</i>	Thursday <i>Jueves</i>	Friday <i>Viernes</i>	Saturday <i>Sábado</i>
<b>April 20</b> <i>el 20 de abril</i>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>April 21</b> <i>el 21 de abril</i>  <b>CLOSED Holiday</b>	<b>April 22</b> <i>el 22 de abril</i>  8am-5pm	<b>April 23</b> <i>el 23 de abril</i>  8am-5pm	<b>April 24</b> <i>el 24 de abril</i>  8am-5pm	<b>April 25</b> <i>el 25 de abril</i>  8am-5pm	<b>April 26</b> <i>el 26 de abril</i>  <b>CLOSED</b>
<b>April 27</b> <i>el 27 de abril</i>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>April 28</b> <i>el 28 de abril</i>  8am-5pm	<b>April 29</b> <i>el 29 de abril</i>  8am-5pm	<b>April 30</b> <i>el 30 de abril</i>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>May 1</b> <i>el 1 de mayo</i>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>May 2</b> <i>el 2 de marzo</i>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>May 3</b>

## Election Day

Election day voting by personal appearance shall be available as follows:

### Date & Time:

Saturday, May 3, 2025 – Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Locations:

Hagansport Community Center  
10284 Texas Hwy 37 North  
Talco, TX 75487

Franklin County Annex East  
502 East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, TX 75457