

NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF SAN SABA §
RICHLAND SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

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TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE
RICHLAND SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the Richland Springs Independent School District on November 3, 2020 concerning the issuance of bonds in accordance with an order duly entered by the Board of Trustees of the Richland Springs Independent School District, which order reads substantially as follows:

**AN ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE
RICHLAND SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAKING
PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION, AND
RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO SUCH
ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the RICHLAND SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the *District*), located in San Saba County, Texas (the *County*), hereby finds and determines that an election should be held to determine whether the District shall be authorized to issue bonds of the District in the amount and for the purposes hereinafter identified (the *Election*); and

WHEREAS, the District will enter into an election services contract with the County, by and through its County and District Clerk (the *Clerk*) according to the Texas Election Code, as amended (the *Code*), or other applicable law, pursuant to which the County will assist with certain aspects of the Election on the District’s behalf (being, particularly, the rental by the County to the District of electronic equipment); and

WHEREAS, the Election may be held jointly with other political subdivisions (collectively, the *Participants*) as provided pursuant to an election services agreement and/or a joint election or similar agreement between or among (as applicable) the District and any Participants, entered into according to the Texas Election Code, as amended (the *Code*); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the necessity to construct various capital improvements within the District necessitates that it is in the public interest to call and hold the Election at the earliest possible date to authorize the issuance of bonds for the purposes hereinafter identified; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the anticipated capital improvements identified in proposition A may be submitted to the qualified voters of the District as a single proposition as authorized by Section 45.003(g) of the Code because these capital improvements will be predominantly used for educational and administrative purposes and are not the type of facilities described in Section 45.003(g)(1-6); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the actions hereinbefore described are in the best interests of the residents of the District; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RICHLAND SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. The Election shall be held in the RICHLAND SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT on November 3, 2020 (*Election Day*), which is a uniform election date under the Code and is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this order (the *Order*), for the purpose of submitting the following measure to the qualified voters of the District:

MEASURE A

“Shall the Board of Trustees of the Richland Springs Independent School District be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of not more than \$5,630,000 for the purposes of designing, constructing, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, acquiring, and equipping school facilities (and any necessary or related removal of existing facilities), with priority given to a gymnasium, such bonds to mature serially or otherwise (not more than 40 years from their date) in accordance with law; any issue or series of such bonds to bear interest per annum at such rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable, or otherwise) as may be determined within the discretion of the Board of Trustees, provided that such rate or rates of interest shall not exceed the maximum rate per annum authorized by law at the time of the issuance of any issue or series of such bonds; and shall the Board of Trustees of the District 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?”

SECTION 2. One or more District election precincts are hereby established for the purpose of holding the Election, and one or more polling places are hereby designated for holding the Election in the District election precincts as identified in Exhibit A to this Order (which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes). At least 79 days prior to Election Day, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, the President of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, or the respective designees of either, in coordination with the Clerk, or

the designee thereof, will appoint Presiding Judges, Alternate Presiding Judges, Election Clerks, and all other election officials for the Election, together with any other necessary changes to election practices and procedures and can correct, modify, or change the Exhibits to this Order based upon the final locations and times agreed upon by the District, the Clerk, and the Participants, if any and as applicable, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

A. To the extent required by the Code or other applicable law, the appointment of election officials at polling locations must include a person fluent in the Spanish language.

B. On Election Day, the polls shall be open as designated on Exhibit A.

C. The main early voting location is designated in Exhibit B to this Order (which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes). The individual named as the Early Voting Clerk as designated in Exhibit B is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk to conduct such early voting in the Election. The Early Voting Clerk shall appoint the Deputy Early Voting Clerks. The main early voting location shall remain open to permit early voting on the days and at the times as stated in Exhibit B. Early voting shall commence as provided on Exhibit B and continue through the date set forth on Exhibit B, all as provided by the Code.

Additionally, permanent and/or temporary branch offices for early voting by personal appearance may be established and maintained according to the Code. In the event such permanent and/or temporary branch locations are established, information regarding the locations, dates, and hours of operation for early voting at these offices will be identified in Exhibit B hereto.

An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby established for the purpose of processing early voting results. The individual designated in Exhibit B as the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby appointed the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two resident qualified voters of the District to serve as members of the Early Voting Ballot Board.

SECTION 3. Electronic voting machines may be used in holding and conducting the Election on Election Day; provided, however, in the event the use of such electronic voting machines is not practicable, the Election may be conducted on Election Day by the use of paper ballots (except as otherwise provided in this section). Electronic voting machines or paper ballots may be used for early voting by personal appearance (except as otherwise provided in this section). Pursuant to Section 61.012 of the Code, the District shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election. Such voting system shall comply with State and federal laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. Any legally permissible voting method may be used for early voting and Election Day voting by personal appearance. Certain early voting may be conducted by mail.

SECTION 4. The District is authorized to utilize a Central Counting Station (the *Station*) as provided by Section 127.001, *et seq.*, of the Code. The Clerk, or the designee thereof, is hereby appointed as the Manager of the Station, who will establish a written plan for the orderly operation of the Station according to the Code. The Board hereby authorizes the Clerk, or the designee thereof, to appoint the Presiding Judge of the Station, the Tabulation Supervisor, and the

Programmer for the Station and may appoint Station clerks as needed or desirable. The Clerk will publish (or cause to be published) notice and conduct testing on the automatic tabulation equipment relating to the Station and conduct instruction for the officials and clerks for the Station according to the Code.

SECTION 5. The official ballot shall be prepared according to the Code so as to permit voters to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the aforesaid measure which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION A

“THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,630,000 OF BONDS BY THE RICHLAND SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.”

SECTION 6. All resident, qualified voters of the District shall be permitted to vote at the Election, and on Election Day, such voters shall vote at the designated polling places. The Election shall be held and conducted according to the Code and other applicable law. To the extent required by law, materials and proceedings relating to the Election shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 7. Notice of election, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be published at least one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, with such publication occurring not more than 30 days and not less than 10 days before Election Day. Moreover, a substantial copy of this Order and the voter information attached to and incorporated herein for all purposes, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted (a) not less than 21 days prior to Election Day (1) on the bulletin board used for posting notices of Board meetings, (2) in three additional public places within the District’s boundaries, (3) in a prominent location on the District’s internet website, and (b) in a prominent location at each polling place on Election Day and during early voting. A sample ballot shall be posted on the District’s internet website not less than 21 days prior to Election Day.

SECTION 8. As required by and in accordance with Section 3.009(b)(5) and (7) through (9) of the Code, the District, as of the date of this order, had outstanding an aggregate principal amount of debt equal to \$2,425,000; the aggregate amount of the interest owed on such District debt obligations, through respective maturity, totaled \$3,959,500; and the District levied an ad valorem debt service tax rate for its outstanding debt obligations of \$0.3300 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation. Based on the bond market conditions on the date of the Board’s adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate for any series of bonds authorized at the Election is 3.15% (expressed as a net effective interest rate applicable to any such series of bonds). The bonds that are the subject of this Election shall mature serially or otherwise over a specified number of years (but not more than 40 years from their date), as prescribed by applicable Texas law, though the District estimates that, based on current bond market conditions, such bonds will amortize over a 30-year period from their respective date of issue. The foregoing estimated maximum net effective interest rate and amortization period are only estimates, provided for Texas statutory compliance; they do not serve as a cap on the per annum interest rate at which any series of bonds authorized

at the Election may be sold, or the amortization period for bonds that are the subject of this Election.

SECTION 9. The Board authorizes the President of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, or the respective designee of either, to negotiate and enter into one or more joint election agreements, election services contracts, and/or similar contracts or agreements with the County, acting by and through the Clerk, and any Participants if desired or if required to comply with applicable law, as permitted and in accordance with the Code. In addition, the Board authorizes the President of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, or the respective designee of either to make such technical modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable Texas or federal law or to carry out the intent of the Board, as evidenced herein.

SECTION 10. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Order for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Board.

SECTION 11. All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

SECTION 12. This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 13. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 14. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Board hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 15. This Order shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so ordered.

YOU WILL, THEREFORE, take notice of all the matters and facts set out in the foregoing Notice of Election.

//s// Jason Lewis, President, Board of Directors

Exhibit A (Anexo A)

ELECTION DAY (DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN)

Election Day: Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
(*Día de la Elección: Sábado 2 de mayo de 2020.*)

Election Day Polling Locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
(*Lugares de votación del Día de la Elección abiertos de 7 a.m. a 7 p.m.*)

Presiding Judge (*Jueces Presidente*): Ray Clark.
Alternate judge to be determined. (*Juez suplente por determinar.*)

District Precinct (<i>Precinto del Distrito</i>)	San Saba County Precinct (<i>Precinto del Condado de San Saba</i>)	Polling Place (<i>Lugar de la votación</i>)
1	2A 1 (partial)	Richland Springs Volunteer Fire Department 301 N Carter FM 45 Richland Springs, Texas 76871

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Exhibit B (Anexo B)

EARLY VOTING (VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA)

Early Voting Clerk (*Secretario de Votación Anticipada*): Linda Morris.

Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board (*Juez Presidente del Consejo de Boletas de Votación Anticipada*): Ray Clark.

Richland Springs Independent School District, Board Room in Cafetorium
(main location/ *principal lugar*)
700 West Coyote Trail, Richland Springs, Texas 76871

October 13-16, 2020 (<i>13-16 de octubre de 2020</i>)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
October 19-23, 2020 (<i>19-23 de octubre de 2020</i>)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
October 26-30, 2020 (<i>26-30 de octubre de 2020</i>)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm

San Saba County Courthouse
500 East Wallace Street, San Saba, Texas 76877

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Early Voting By Mail (*Votación Anticipada por Correo*)

Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business (5:00 pm) on October 23, 2020. Applications should be sent to:

(Las solicitudes de votación por correo deben ser recibidas a más tardar al cierre de operaciones (5:00 p.m.) del 23 de octubre de 2020. Se deben enviar las solicitudes a:)

Linda Morris
Richland Springs ISD, 700 West Coyote Trail, Richland Springs, Texas 76871
fax (*fax*): 325-452-3230
email (*correo electrónico*): lmorris@rsisd.org

If an application for ballot by mail is faxed or emailed (or if a federal postcard application is faxed), the applicant must also mail the original application so that the early voting clerk receives the original no later than four days after receiving the emailed or faxed copy.

(Si se envía por fax o correo electrónico una solicitud de boleta por correo (o si se envía por fax una solicitud postal federal), el solicitante también debe enviar la solicitud original para que el secretario de votación anticipada reciba el original a más tardar cuatro días después de recibir la copia enviada por correo electrónico o por fax.)

