



Collin Central Appraisal District

July 26, 2024

To: Collin Central Appraisal District taxing entities

From: Marty Wright, Chief Appraiser

RE: Election of Collin Central Appraisal District Board of Directors

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The purpose of this letter is to provide an overview of the election process, and provide a detailed timeline for each phase for taxing entity appointed Board of Director's members. The process for electing the District's Board of Directors is outlined in the Texas Property Tax Code (TPTC) § 6.03. The deadline dates for the election are statutory and controlled by TPTC § 6.03.

On July 24, 2023, Governor Greg Abbott signed Senate Bill 2 into law which has added TPTC § 6.0301. In accordance with the new section, the District's Board of Directors makeup has changed significantly. The Legislature has seen fit to increase the total number of directors from five (5) appointed and one non-voting tax assessor-collector director, to nine (9) total directors.

Starting January 1, 2024 the Board of Directors will include three (3) publicly elected directors in addition to the five (5) appointed directors which are still elected by the taxing units that participate in the Appraisal District. Each taxing unit may nominate one to five board candidates. Appointed directors will begin four-year terms on January 1st of even-numbered years, and elected directors will begin four-year terms on January 1st of odd-numbered years. Another significant change in this new section is that the tax assessor-collector is now an ex officio member.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APPOINTED MEMBERS ON JANUARY 1, 2025

Title of Event: Allocation of Votes

Deadline: Before October 1st, (September 30, 2024)

Action: Calculate the number of votes for each entity and notify the county judge, commissioners of the county, and presiding officers for cities, towns, school districts and college district.

Responsible for Action: Chief Appraiser

Tax Code: 6.03 (e)

Summary of Action: There are 5,000 total votes to be distributed based on tax levy. Each taxing unit's vote allocation is based on their tax levy compared to the grand total levy for all taxing units. Each taxing unit's vote allocation will be delivered to the taxing unit in late-September.

Example: If a taxing unit's tax levy calculates to be 10% of the grand total levy for all taxing units, the taxing unit would be allocated 500 votes.

Title of Event: Nomination of Candidates

Deadline: Before October 15th, (since October 14, 2024 is Columbus Day the deadline will shift to Friday before). **Deadline for delivery of nominating Resolution, received by the Chief Appraiser, is end-of-day October 11, 2024.**

Action: Nominate up to one (1) candidate for each position to be filled on the Board of Directors. All five (5) of the board positions are included in this election, therefore each taxing unit can nominate a maximum of five (5) candidates.

Responsible for Action: Governing body of each entity and entity's presiding officer.

Tax Code: 6.03 (g)

Summary of Action: A taxing unit's nomination(s) by written Resolution can be submitted at any time, as long as it is received by the Chief Appraiser by end-of-day October 11, 2024. The Resolution must include the name and address of each candidate nominated. To be eligible to serve on the board, an individual must be a resident of the district and must have resided in the district for at least two years immediately preceding the date they take office.

Note: This is the nominations part of the process and the written Resolution associated with this phase of the election should only include nominations of candidates.

Title of Event: Delivery of Ballots

Deadline: Before October 30th, Deadline for delivery of ballots is end-of-day October 30, 2024.

Action: Prepare and deliver a ballot listing the candidates whose names were timely submitted by a taxing unit.

Responsible for Action: Chief Appraiser

Tax Code: 6.03 (j)

Summary of Action: The Chief Appraiser will deliver a ballot listing the candidates, with their names sorted alphabetically by surname, to the presiding officer for each taxing unit. Additionally, each ballot will list the taxing unit name and their vote allocation. The ballots will be mailed the third week of October.

Title of Event: Taxing Units Cast Their Votes

Deadline: Before December 15th, (December 15th falls on a Sunday). Deadline for delivery of voting Resolution, received by the chief appraiser, is end-of-day December 13, 2024.

Action: Taxing unit determines its votes in public session by Resolution.

Special Action (Tax Code Amendment): Taxing Units with 5% or more of the total votes **MUST** determine its votes by Resolution adopted at the **FIRST** or **SECOND** OPEN meeting of the governing body held after the Chief Appraiser delivers the ballot and the Resolution must be submitted to the chief appraiser not later than the **THIRD** day following the date the Resolution was adopted. Taxing units with 250 or more votes are affected by this Tax Code change.

Responsible for Action: Governing of each entity and entity's presiding officer.

Tax Code: 6.03 (g), 6.03 (k and k-1 effective 1-1-2022)

Summary of Action: The governing body of each taxing unit entitled to vote shall determine its vote by Resolution. If an entity marks their votes next to the nominees name on the Ballot received from the Chief Appraiser, the marked Ballot must have an accompanying Resolution adopted in a public meeting determining the tax unit's votes. The Resolution adopted in an open meeting of the taxing unit, or a copy of marked Ballot accompanied by the taxing unit's voting Resolution must be received by the Chief Appraiser by end-of-day December 13, 2024. **Taxing units with 250 or more votes, please refer to the "Special Action (Tax Code Amendment)" section above concerning the deadlines for adopting your vote Resolution and submitting the Resolution to the Chief Appraiser.**

Title of Event: Election Results

Deadline: Before December 31st, (December 30, 2024)

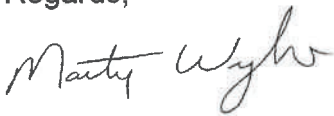
Action: Count the votes and declare the five (5) candidates who receive the largest cumulative vote totals elected to a four-year term, beginning January 1, 2025.

Responsible for Action: Chief Appraiser

Tax Code: 6.03 (k)

Summary of Action: The Chief Appraiser will submit the election results before December 31, 2024 to each taxing unit and to the candidates.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marty Wright".

Marty Wright, CCA, RPA
Chief Appraiser