

# ELECTION ORDER

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
COUNTY OF WILLACY   §

On January 14, 2026, the Board of Directors of Willacy County Drainage District No. 2 convened in regular session, open to the public, with the following members present, to wit:

John Lee DeWitt, President and Director  
Gary Lee Palousek, Secretary and Director  
Dennis Lee Hoot, Director  
Julian T. Mayo, Jr., Director  
Francisco Torres, Director

constituting a quorum, and the following absent: None

Among the proceedings had by said Board of Directors was the following:

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Acts 1969, 61st Leg., Reg. Sess., ch. 11, pgs. 31-40, codified as Section 6611, Texas Special District Local Laws Code, the Texas Water Code, and the Texas Election Code, Willacy County Drainage District No. 2 shall hold an election on the first Saturday in May of even-numbered years, at which time the required number of Directors shall be elected to fill the vacancies then occurring on the Board of Directors as provided by law;

**WHEREAS**, such an election is necessary and should be held on May 2, 2026, in order that two (2) Directors may be elected to membership on the Board of Directors of Willacy County Drainage District No. 1 to fill the place of two (2) Directors whose terms of office will expire on May 12, 2026;

**WHEREAS**, it is hereby determined and found that in accordance with standing order of this Board, written notice of the date, place, and subject of this meeting, including consideration of the setting of said election, was posted at the District's Office at a place convenient to the public, and posted on the District's website, for the period of time and manner as is required by law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the Board of Directors of Willacy County Drainage District No. 2 that:

1. A regular election for the election of two (2) Directors to serve for a term of four (4) years, each beginning May 12, 2026

**Place 4**  
**Place 5**

be and it is hereby called and ordered to be held in and for this District, in the manner prescribed by law, on the first Saturday of May, 2026, the same being May 2, 2026.

2. Said election be conducted during the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. to seven o'clock (7:00) p.m. at the Farm Service Agency (FSA), 255 FM 3168, Suite 1, Raymondville, Texas, a place within the District and a place which the Board, after considering the requirements of Texas Election Code § 43.031, finds to be a proper place for conducting the election.

3. For the purpose of said election, all the area included within the boundaries of this District shall constitute one (1) election precinct.
4. Said election be held at the aforesaid voting place with the use of paper ballots.
5. Pursuant to Election Code §31.123, Maria Fernanda Sugendo, an employee of Willacy County Drainage District No. 1, is appointed Agent to preform the duties of the Secretary as required by Election Code §31.122 and §31.123. The agent shall maintain office hours at the District's office for at least three hours each day, during the District's regular office hours, on regular business days, during the period beginning January 14, 2026 and ending on June 15, 2026. The physical address of the District's office is:

Office of Willacy County Drainage District No. 1  
8304 Business 77  
Lyford, Texas 78569

6. The election shall be conducted by the following hereby designated and qualified officers:

Presiding Judge: Virginia Koester  
P.O. Box 68  
San Perlita, Texas 78590

Alternate Presiding Judge: Anastacio Cavazos, Jr.  
255 FM 3168, Suite 1  
Raymondville, Texas 78580

Such persons are designated only for this election. If the presiding judge is unable to serve at the election, the alternate presiding judge shall serve as the presiding judge for the election.

7. The presiding judge is authorized to appoint two (2) election clerks.
8. The presiding judge designated for said election shall also serve as the early voting ballot judge and the presiding officer of said early voting ballot board, and shall appoint no less than two (2) other duly qualified members as provided by Texas Election Code Chapter 87.
9. Early voting shall be held as provided by law and shall be conducted by the following hereby designated and qualified officers:

Clerk: Enrique Gonzalez  
255 FM 3168, Suite 2  
Raymondville, Texas, Texas 78580

Deputy Clerk: Kathy Rogers  
255 FM 3168, Suite 1  
Raymondville, Texas, Texas 78580

- 9.1 The addresses the Voting Clerk may receive delivery by common or contract carrier are:

Mailing address: Early Voting Clerk  
P.O. Drawer 20  
Lyford, Texas 78569

Physical address: Office of Willacy County Drainage District No. 1  
8304 Business 77  
Lyford, Texas 78569

9.2 Other contract information of Voting Clerk:  
Phone No: (956)-347-5164  
Email address: [info@willacycdd2.org](mailto:info@willacycdd2.org)

Provided, however, if the application is transmitted by fax or e-mail to the early voting clerk, the application must also be mailed so that the clerk receives it no later than the fourth business day after the day the clerk receives the faxed or emailed application. That is, an application transmitted by fax or e-mail will be considered complete and timely as long as the original is received by the early voting clerk by the fourth business day after it was submitted by fax or e-mail.

10. Early voting by personal appearance for this said election shall be held at the same location the election is to be conducted as provided above, and said place of early voting shall remain open during the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. and five o'clock (5:00) p.m., which is at least nine (9) hours on each day of the early voting period, which shall begin on April 20, 2026, and continue through April 28, 2026, on each day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or official State holiday. Applications for ballots by mail must be received (not postmarked) no later than April 20, 2026.

10.1 The mailing address of the Clerk to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent is:

Early Voting Clerk  
P.O. Drawer 20  
Lyford, Texas 78569

10.2 The physical address of the Clerk to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be delivered is:

Office of Willacy County Drainage District No. 1  
8304 Business 77  
Lyford, Texas 78569

10.3 A completed, scanned application for a ballot by mail containing an original signature shall be transmitted to: [info@willacycdd2.org](mailto:info@willacycdd2.org)

11. Candidates shall file an application with the Secretary of the Board to have his or her name printed on the election ballot. Such application must be signed by the candidate or by at least ten (10) qualified electors of this District. The first day to file an application for place on the ballot is January 14, 2026, and must be filed no later than five o'clock (5:00) p.m. on February 13, 2026, as required by law:

11.1 The mailing address: Secretary  
P.O. Drawer 20  
Lyford, Texas 78569

11.2 Physical address: Office of Willacy County Drainage District No. 1  
8304 Business 77  
Lyford, Texas 78569

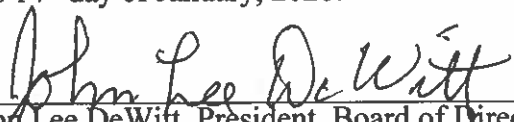
11.3 Email Address: [info@willacycdd2.org](mailto:info@willacycdd2.org)

11.4 Fax: (956) 347-5717

12. Applications for a place on the ballot shall be substantially in the form attached hereto.
13. The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall conduct a drawing for the order in which names of the candidates for the above-mentioned election are to be printed on the ballot and shall post notice of the time and place of said drawing and mail notice of the date, hour, and place of the drawing to each candidate at the address stated on the application for a place on the ballot not later than the fourth (4th) day before the drawing in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 52.094 of the Election Code.
14. Notice be given of this election by a method as prescribed by Section 4.003(1)(B) of the Texas Election Code.
15. A Writ of Election and notice of appointment shall be delivered as prescribed by law to the Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge no later than March 4, 2026.
16. Notice of this election be given as prescribed by Section 85.007(c) Texas Election Code, by posting continuously for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the first hour that early voting is conducted in the same manner Notices of Meeting of the Board are posted.
17. It is further found and determined that notice of the date, place, and subject of this meeting was posted in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 52.094(c) of the Election Code, and Section 551.043 of the Government Code.


After consideration of the above Election Order, it was moved and seconded that the same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted AYE: John Lee DeWitt, Dennis Lee Hoot, Julian T. Mayo, Jr., and Gary Lee Palousek, and the following voted NO: None.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

  
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John Lee DeWitt, President, Board of Directors,  
Willacy County Drainage District No. 2

### **CERTIFICATE**

The above and foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the resolution calling and ordering an election, as adopted by the Board of Directors of Willacy County Drainage District No. 2, as the same was and appears of record on the official minutes of the regular meeting of said Board held on January 14, 2026.

  
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Gary Lee Palousek, Board of Directors,  
Willacy County Drainage District No. 2