

**JACKSON COUNTY COUNTY WIDE DRAINAGE DISTRICT
ORDER CALLING TAX APPROVAL ELECTION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF JACKSON

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WHEREAS, Jackson County County Wide Drainage District (the “District”), is a political subdivision of the State of Texas organized and existing under and by virtue of Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution, and a conservation and reclamation district operating under Chapters 49, 51 and 56 of the Texas Water Code and the District’s Enabling Act of May 1, 1969, 61st, Leg., R.S., ch. 200, 1969 Tex. Gen. Laws 587-594 (Senate Bill 552), as amended by Act of May 24, 1973, 63rd, Leg., R.S., ch. 529, 1973 Tex. Gen. Laws 1378-1379 (House Bill 1674);

WHEREAS, the District relies on tax revenue to fund local flood management and prevention projects, which may be assessed and collected under Jackson County’s taxing authority in Article VIII, Section 1 -a of the Texas Constitution and Texas Transportation Code §§ 256.004, 256.006, and 256.054, or the District’s taxing authority in its enabling act;

WHEREAS, the District has historically cooperated with the County to obtain tax revenue by entering into a contract under which the County exercises its flood-control tax authority to assess, collect, and remit the flood-control tax revenues to the District to use in managing local flooding and drainage issues;

WHEREAS, the District was authorized by the 63rd Texas Legislature to levy and collect its own flood-control tax on all property in the District upon approval of voters at an election called for that purpose, and now seeks to exercise that authority;

WHEREAS, upon request of the District to increase transparency and to allow the District to seek voter approval of a lower tax-rate cap than the statutory cap of \$0.75 per \$100 of assessed valuation, the 88th Texas Legislature amended the District’s Enabling Act to allow the ballot, in a tax approval election, to provide for voting for or against the following proposition: “the levy and collection of a tax on all property in the Jackson County County Wide Drainage District in an amount of not more than twenty-five cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation,” recognizing that the District would fill in the blank in the official ballot in an amount up to \$0.75 per \$100 of assessed valuation;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the District’s Enabling Act, the District’s Board of Directors (“Board”) must call an election to authorize the imposition of a tax to pay the maintenance and operations expenses of the District;

WHEREAS, the Board now wishes to call an election for the purpose of approving a maintenance and operations tax to be held on November 4, 2025;

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;

WHEREAS, the Board will enter into an Election Services Contract with Jackson County to conduct such election on behalf of the District; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Directors wishes to proceed with the ordering of said election to authorize the imposition of a maintenance tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF JACKSON COUNTY COUNTY WIDE DRAINAGE DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1: The matters and facts set out in the preamble of this order are hereby found and declared to be true and complete.

Section 2: An election shall be held on the 4th day of November, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., at which there shall be submitted the question of the authorization of the imposition of a tax to pay the maintenance and operating expenses of the Jackson County County Wide Drainage District. All resident qualified electors within the boundaries of the District shall be entitled to vote in the election.

Section 3: At said election, there shall be submitted the following proposition:

PROPOSITION

SHALL THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A TAX ON ALL PROPERTY
IN THE JACKSON COUNTY COUNTY WIDE DRAINAGE DISTRICT IN
AN AMOUNT OF NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$0.25) ON
EACH \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION BE AUTHORIZED?

Section 4: The ballots used in the election shall have printed thereon the following:

OFFICIAL BALLOT
(BOLETA OFICIAL)

Each voter shall vote on the proposition by placing an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way he or she wishes to vote.

PROPOSITION
(PROPOSICIÓN)

<input type="checkbox"/>	FOR	§	THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A TAX
<input type="checkbox"/>	A FAVOR DE	§	ON ALL PROPERTY IN THE JACKSON
		§	COUNTY COUNTY WIDE DRAINAGE
		§	DISTRICT IN AN AMOUNT OF NOT
		§	MORE THAN <u>TWENTY-FIVE</u> CENTS
		§	(\$0.25) ON EACH \$100 OF ASSESSED
		§	VALUATION.
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<input type="checkbox"/>	EN CONTRA DE	§	EL IMPUESTO Y LA RECAUDACIÓN DE
		§	UN IMPUESTO SOBRE TODAS LAS
		§	PROPIEDADES EN EL DISTRITO DE
		§	DRENAJE EN TODO EL CONDADO DE
		§	JACKSON EN UNA CANTIDAD DE NO
		§	MÁS QUE <u>VIENTE CINCO</u> CENTAVOS
		§	(\$0.25) EN CADA \$100 DE VALORACIÓN
		§	EVALUADA.

Section 5: The Board of Directors will enter into an Election Services Contract with Jackson County for the conduct of the election. The polling places located within Jackson County will be those polling places established by Jackson County and set forth in Exhibit A.

Pursuant to the Election Services Contract, the Elections Administrator in Jackson County shall select and appoint presiding judges, alternate presiding judges, and clerks as necessary. The presiding judges, alternate presiding judges, and clerks will perform the functions and duties of their respective positions that are provided by state law. The Election Administrator will also designate the presiding judges of the Early Ballot Boards, the members of which shall be the precinct election officers serving the election precincts as provided in Section 87.004 of the Texas Election Code.

Section 6: Voting in said election during early voting by personal appearance and on Election Day shall be in the form prescribed by the Jackson County Clerk, which shall be available in 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 Judge.

Section 7: The boundaries of the District are hereby designated as and shall constitute four (4) election precincts. The Jackson County Clerk shall serve as the Early Voting Clerk to conduct early voting. Early voting in the election by personal appearance shall be held between

the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and shall begin on October 20, 2025, and shall continue through October 31, 2025, except as otherwise noted by the Jackson County Clerk. The designated main polling locations at which early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted pursuant to Texas Election Code § 85.004 are described in **Exhibit “A”**.

Applications for ballots by mail and ballots to be voted by mail may be sent to:

Early Voting Clerk, Ms. Katherine M. Respondek
Jackson County Clerk
Address: 115 W. Main Street, Room 101
Edna, TX 77957
Phone: 361-782-3563
Fax: 361-782-3132
Email: k.respondek@co.jackson.tx.us
Website: www.co.jackson.tx.us

Applications for ballots by mail must be received not later than the close of business on October 31, 2025.

Section 8: The Board of Directors hereby appoints Mr. Charles Givens, General Manager, Jackson County County Wide Drainage District, 2066 State Highway 111 South, Edna, Texas 77957 as the District’s agent for this election.

Section 9: The election shall be held and conducted and returns made to this Board of Directors in accordance with the Texas Election Code and Chapter 49, Texas Water Code.

Section 10: In accordance with Section 4.003(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code, a substantial copy of this Order, appearing in English and Spanish, shall serve as proper notice of said election, and the President of the Board or other representatives of the District shall cause the notice to be published one time, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before election day in a newspaper:

(a) published in the territory that is covered by the election and is in the jurisdiction of the authority responsible for giving the notice; or

(b) in a newspaper of general circulation in the territory if none is published in the jurisdiction of the authority responsible for giving the notice.

In addition, in accordance with Section 4.003(a)(2) of the Texas Election Code, a substantial copy of this Order, appearing in English and Spanish, shall be posted not later than the 21st day before election day.

Section 11: The District’s President, General Manager, and legal counsel are authorized and directed to take any action necessary to carry out the provisions of this order.

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AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

Upon motion duly made by Director Bill Hunt,
and seconded by Director Glenn Schneider, and upon
discussion, the Board voted ☒ in favor and ___ opposed, ___ abstained, and ___ absent, and
the motion thereby PASSED on this 5th day of August, 2025.

by: David Frankson
David Frankson, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Dave Marlow
Signature

Dave Marlow sec./Trea.
Print Name and Officer Position

EXHIBIT A

**POLLING PLACES
LOCATED WITHIN JACKSON COUNTY**