



ELLIS APPRAISAL DISTRICT
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August 17, 2017

Taxing Units of the Ellis Appraisal District:

It is election time and the **2018-2019 Board of Directors Taxing Unit Voting Entitlements** are enclosed.

The FIRST step for you in this process is NOMINATIONS. Each taxing unit may **nominate by resolution** adopted by its governing body (sample enclosed) one candidate for each position to be filled on the board of directors. The presiding officer of the governing body of the unit shall submit the name(s) of the unit's nominee(s) to the chief appraiser before October 15th.

Before October 30th, the chief appraiser will prepare a ballot, listing the candidates and shall deliver a copy of the ballot to the presiding officer of your unit. **The SECOND step for you in this process is to VOTE.** The governing body shall determine its **vote by resolution** (sample enclosed) and submit it to the chief appraiser before December 15th. Your voting entitlement may be cast for one candidate or distributed as the governing body chooses. It takes **834 votes** to secure a position on the board. The chief appraiser will count the votes, declare the five candidates who received the largest cumulative vote totals elected, and submit the results before December 31st to each governing body.

Please mark these dates for the governance of the Ellis Appraisal District:

Before **October 15** Your governing body submits candidates names to the chief appraiser

Before **October 30** I will prepare and deliver a ballot to the presiding officer of your unit

Before **December 15** Your governing body will vote by resolution and submit to the chief appraiser

Before **December 31** I will send the results of the election to each governing body

Please make plans on your scheduled meetings to consider and act on these matters.

Your vote is very important to the continued dedicated leadership of this board.

I have asked the current board members about their interest in serving another term. Tom Abram, Tommy Hamilton, Phillip Lynch, Ken Marks and Joe Pitts are all willing to serve another term. I am enclosing the history of the current board members and some additional details about them individually for your review. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Rodrigue, RPA
Chief Appraiser

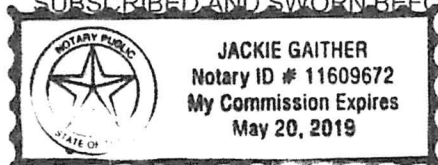
**ELLIS APPRAISAL DISTRICT
2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TAXING UNIT VOTING ENTITLEMENT**

TAXING UNITS	2016 CERT FRZ ADJ TAXABLE VALUES (as of 07/14/16)	2016 TAX RATE	TAX LEVY ON ACCTS WITH CEILING	2016 TOTAL LEVY	% OF TOTAL LEVY	2018 VOTES	2016 VOTES
ELLIS COUNTY	11,494,026,041	0.380091	4,761,478	48,449,236.52			
ELIS COUNTY & LATERAL ROAD	11,424,438,960	0.033508	432,256	4,260,357.01	18.21%	910	910
AVALON ISD	33,880,611	1.233400	36,815	454,698.46	0.16%	8	9
ENNIS ISD	1,780,965,191	1.540000	1,285,536	28,712,399.94	9.92%	496	534
FERRIS ISD	276,677,744	1.355000	363,468	4,112,451.43	1.42%	71	79
FROST ISD	2,506,887	1.220800	504	31,108.08	0.01%	1	1
ITALY ISD	101,111,628	1.584972	110,647	1,713,237.99	0.59%	30	25
MIDLOTHIAN ISD	3,538,412,371	1.540000	3,659,424	58,150,974.51	20.09%	1004	1,001
MILFORD ISD	48,463,790	1.170000	31,628	598,654.34	0.21%	10	13
PALMER ISD	207,521,096	1.475000	358,367	3,419,303.17	1.18%	59	67
RED OAK ISD	1,342,812,154	1.540000	2,403,255	23,264,293.42	8.04%	402	425
WAXAHACHIE ISD	3,085,342,570	1.553900	3,724,498	51,667,636.20	17.85%	892	840
MAYPEARL ISD	260,950,462	1.317000	359,053	3,795,770.58	1.31%	66	72
CITY OF ALMA	18,028,357	0.250000		45,070.89	0.02%	1	0
CITY OF BARDWELL	11,006,347	0.336500		37,036.36	0.01%	0	1
CITY OF CEDAR HILL	91,400,961	0.698760		638,673.36	0.22%	11	11
CITY OF ENNIS	1,554,960,425	0.699000		10,869,173.37	3.75%	188	196
CITY OF FERRIS	98,807,193	0.687134		678,937.82	0.23%	12	12
CITY OF GARRETT	15,831,731	0.500000		79,158.66	0.03%	1	1
CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS	139,514,886	0.935530		1,305,203.61	0.45%	23	19
CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE	7,270,122	0.669998	3,853	52,562.67	0.02%	1	1
CITY OF ITALY	61,840,466	0.926327	68,308	641,152.93	0.22%	11	11
CITY OF MANSFIELD	5,965,953	0.710000	5,131	47,489.27	0.02%	1	1
CITY OF MAYPEARL	29,626,746	0.972183	22,171	310,197.19	0.11%	5	5
CITY OF MIDLOTHIAN	2,733,484,411	0.708244		19,359,739.33	6.69%	334	315
CITY OF MILFORD	16,451,837	0.495113	17,627	99,082.18	0.03%	2	1
CITY OF OAK LEAF	109,816,831	0.363867		399,587.21	0.14%	7	8
CITY OF OVILLA	229,204,508	0.700000	358,781	1,963,212.56	0.68%	34	32
CITY OF PALMER	67,746,270	0.689500		467,110.53	0.16%	8	8
CITY OF PECAN HILL	32,482,060	0.324816		105,506.93	0.04%	2	2
CITY OF RED OAK	754,199,955	0.649000	374,931	5,269,688.71	1.82%	91	83
CITY OF VENUS	22,711,841	0.879918		199,845.58	0.07%	3	3
CITY OF WAXAHACHIE	2,490,623,651	0.680000	1,360,277	18,296,517.83	6.32%	316	314
TOTAL				289,495,068.62	100.00%	5,000	5,000

I, KATHY A. RODRIGUE, CHIEF APPRAISER FOR THE ELLIS APPRAISAL DISTRICT,
DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE VOTING ENTITLEMENTS
ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Kathy Rodriguez

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN-BEFORE ME THIS 17TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2017.



Jackie Gaither
NOTARY



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2016-2017 Board of Directors History

Phillip Lynch

Chairman 2016-2017, 2014-2015, 2012-2013, 2010-2011, 2008-2009, 2006-2007, 2004-2005, 2002-2003, Vice-Chairman 2000-2001, Member 1998-1999, 1996-1997

Ken Marks

Vice-Chairman 2016-2017, 2014-2015, Secretary 2012-2013, Member 2010-2011, 2008-2009, 2006-2007, 2002-2003, Secretary 2004-2005

Joe Pitts

Secretary 2016-2017, 2014-2015, Member 2012-2013, 2010-2011, 2008-2009, 2006-2007

Charles T Abram

Member 2016-2017, 2014-2015

Tommy Hamilton

Member 2016-2017, 2014-2015, 2012-2013

John Bridges

Non-Voting Member as the Ellis County Tax Assessor/Collector 1998-2017

This group works well together to serve the property owners and taxing units of Ellis County.

Efficiency:

The Board of Directors determines the number of ARB members needed each year. Working in panels has enabled the district to minimize ARB hearings costs. This also has enabled us to complete hearings earlier and to certify 100% of the appraisal roll on time.

Property Value Study and MAP:

The appraisal district has been successful since 2000 with having local property value assignments to all 11 of our school districts. We have also either met or exceeded expectations in each of the MAP reviews conducted by the Comptroller. We are very proud of these records.

Budgeting:

Through the use of technology, the Board has reduced the size of our staff from 31 to 25 budgeted positions for 2017 to handle an almost \$17.6 Billion appraisal roll. The budget is less than 1% of the total levy of the taxing units, which is extremely rare for a district of our size.

Technology:

This Board looks forward each year to sharing with each of you the latest technological investment in aerial and oblique photography, Pictometry and Changefinder. The entities of EAD receive the imagery, software and internet access at no charge. We also offer a robust website for the research purposes.

We encourage you to take a look at EAD's stewardship in the 2016 Ellis Appraisal District Annual Report on our website at: <http://www.elliscad.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/EAD-Annual-Report-2016-1.pdf>

ELLIS APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eligibility:

Person must have resided in the appraisal district for at least two years. Person may not be an employee of a taxing unit served by the appraisal district, but may be an elected official or a member of the governing body. A person may not be appointed if related within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity to either an appraiser who appraiser property for use in the appraisal district's appraisal review board proceedings or a tax representative who represents taxpayers for compensation before the appraisal district's appraisal review board. A person may not have delinquent taxes for more than 60 days after the date the person knew or should have known of the delinquency.

Term:

All directors other than the county tax assessor-collector serve a two-year term.

Meetings:

Meetings are required quarterly but are typically held once a month at the convenience of the majority of the board members.

Compensation:

Directors may not receive a salary, per diem, or other compensation. They are reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of a director's duties if included in the appraisal district budget.

General Statement of Functions:

The board of directors has the following primary responsibilities:

- Establish the appraisal district's appraisal office;
- Adopt the appraisal district's annual operating budget and reappraisal plan;
- Contract for necessary services;
- Hire a chief appraiser;
- Appoint a taxpayer liaison officer (districts in counties having a population of over 125,000);
- Appoint appraisal review board chairman and secretary; and
- Make general policy on the appraisal district's operation.

Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors' Candidate Information

C.T. "Tom" Abrams - Mr. Abrams has served on the BOD since 2014. This year he was the recipient of the Pride of Ennis 2015 Distinguished Service Award, volunteering for civic and non-profit organizations and working with industry leaders to promote economic growth. Mr. Abrams was Mayor of Ennis from 1986-1990 and has been a resident of Ennis since 1977. Mr. Abrams graduated from college and served as an officer in the U.S. Army. Upon moving to Ennis, he started his own manufacturing company and built it into a successful international multi-plant operation. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Ennis Regional Medical Center.

Tommy Hamilton - Mr. Hamilton has worked in banking for 42 years with 25 of those in Waxahachie. He is currently a Senior Vice President of Relationship Banking at Citizen's National Bank and has been with them for ten years. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Gingerbread House for three years. He is also on the Ellis County Youth Exp Board. Mr. Hamilton was nominated by the City of Waxahachie.

Phillip Lynch - Mr. Lynch has served on the BOD since 1996 first as a member for four years, then as Vice-Chairman for two years and as Chairman for the last twelve years. For 25 years, he has been the Owner/President of First American Pension Services Inc., US Marine, Member of American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries, and a 403(b) Practitioner and Compliance Consultant. He is currently serving as Consultant to the House Pension and Investments Committee in Austin. His representatives have clients in more than 550 school districts just in Texas. Since 1998, Mr. Lynch has been the Owner/CEO, 1st Texas Program Administrators Inc., a licensed Third Party Administrator and compliance specialist for school districts licensed and operating in Texas and Louisiana. Mr. Lynch was nominated by Midlothian ISD, Palmer ISD and the Cities of Mansfield, Maypearl, Midlothian, Ovilla and Red Oak.

Ken Marks - Mr. Marks has continued to serve on the BOD since 2002 as a member, as Secretary from 2004-2005 and 2012-2013 and as Vice-Chairman 2014-2015. He is a State Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser working for E.T. Jones & Associates. Mr. Marks has been a resident of Ellis County for 28 years. Mr. Marks was nominated by Midlothian ISD, Palmer ISD and the Cities of Mansfield, Maypearl and Midlothian.

Joe Pitts - Dr. Pitts has served as a member on the BOD since 2006. He began his 41 year career in education in 1955, teaching and ultimately in administration with Dallas ISD. He then became the Superintendent for Port Arthur ISD and retired in 1992 after 10 years of service. He then served for four years as a Board of Trustees Training Consultant for the Texas Education Agency. Dr. Pitts was active in the American Association of School Administrators and the Texas Association of School Administrators. In 2008 he served on the Bond Oversight Committee for Red Oak ISD. Dr. Pitts was nominated by Midlothian ISD, Palmer ISD, Waxahachie ISD and the Cities of Mansfield, Maypearl and Midlothian.