

Ellis Appraisal District 2014-2015 Board of Directors' 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. Mr. Abrams was nominated in 2013 by the City of Ennis and received votes from Ellis County, Ennis ISD, Palmer ISD, Cities of Ennis and Palmer.

Tommy Hamilton - Mr. Hamilton has served on the BOD since 2012. He 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 thirteen 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. Mr. Hamilton was nominated in 2013 by Midlothian ISD, Waxahachie ISD, Maypearl ISD and Cities of Italy, Mansfield, Maypearl and Waxahachie and received votes from Ellis County, Avalon ISD, Milford ISD, Waxahachie ISD, Maypearl ISD and Cities of Italy, Maypearl and 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 in 2013 by Midlothian ISD, Waxahachie ISD and the Cities of Italy, Mansfield, Maypearl, Midlothian, Ovilla and Red Oak and received votes from Midlothian ISD, Red Oak ISD and Cities of 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 in 2013 by Midlothian ISD, Waxahachie ISD and the Cities of Italy, Mansfield, and Maypearl received votes from Midlothian ISD and City of Maypearl.

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 Region IV Education Service Center of 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, Waxahachie ISD and the Cities of Italy, Mansfield and Maypearl and received votes from Waxahachie ISD, Cities of Cedar Hill and Maypearl.