

2020-2021 Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors' Candidate Information

Charles T. "Tom" Abram - Mr. Abram has served on the Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors since 2014 as a member and as Secretary in 2019. 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. Abram was Mayor of Ennis from 1986-1990 and has been a resident of Ennis since 1977. Mr. Abram 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. Abram was nominated by Ennis ISD and the City of Midlothian.

Jan Davis - Ms. Davis has been in real estate for over 33 years and is an active Realtor with Ebby Halliday Realtors holding ABR, ASP, CRS, GRI and SRES designations. She has several recognitions and specialties to include D magazine "Best of the Best", Texas Monthly Magazine "Five Star Professional", Dallas Real Producers Top 500, Star Achiever 1989-2018, Diamond circle member 1986-2019 and is a Historic House and Relocation Specialist. She is a member of the National Association of Realtors, Texas Association of Realtors and the Greater Dallas Board of Realtors. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Master of Education in Administration/Supervision. Ms. Davis has volunteered in many ways serving as the Past-President of the Midlothian Economic & Community Development Board, the City of Midlothian Committee for hiring Park Planner and Midlothian ISD as a member of DEIC, the Bond Oversight for construction of Midlothian Heritage High School and Naming Committees for Midlothian ISD. Ms. Davis was nominated by Midlothian ISD and the City of Midlothian.

Sheila Domestead - Ms. Domestead was nominated by Red Oak ISD.

John Knight - Mr. Knight was nominated by Midlothian ISD.

Ken Marks - Mr. Marks has served on the since 2002 as a member, as Secretary from 2004-2005 and 2012-2013 and as Vice-Chairman 2014-2019. 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 30 years. He and his children graduated from Midlothian ISD. Mr. Marks was nominated by Midlothian and Milford ISD and the Cities of Midlothian and Venus.

Jim Mentzel - Mr. Mentzel was nominated by Midlothian ISD.

Joe Pitts - Dr. Pitts has served as a member on the Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors since 2006 as a member and as Secretary from 2014-2018. 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 and Waxahachie ISD and the City of Midlothian.

John Tabor - Mr. Tabor has served on the Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors since 2019. He is currently a Senior Advisor for Privateer Consulting Services and has been in the oil and gas industry since 1976. He graduated with honors in 1984 with a BA in Political Science and Government Affairs from the University of Texas at Dallas. Mr. Tabor served as a highly decorated combat Vietnam veteran in the United States Army from 1969-1971. He is a member of the Midlothian First Baptist Church, the Dallas Petroleum Club, Dallas Wildcat Assoc, Ft. Worth Wildcatters Assoc, Society of Petroleum Engineers, American Association of Drilling Engineers, Distinguished Flying Cross Association, homes for our Troops and also served with the Republican Party of Ellis County with 3 terms on the State Republican Executive Committee and 4 terms as the Ellis County Republican Party Chairman. Mr. Tabor was nominated by Ellis County and the City of Midlothian.

Robert Kyle Wilson - Mr. Wilson has 27 years within the real estate appraising industry having worked at the Ellis County Appraisal District, for Max Sanders and currently as a State Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser for Kyle Wilson Real Estate Appraisal. He is a member of the North Texas Association of Realtors, was pinned as an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America in 1981, served in the United States Army from 1989-1991 and served as a member of the Ennis Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors 2013-2016. He is a current member of the Alma City Council and served as Mayor Pro Tem in 2018 and part of 2019 and as a former member 2013-2017. Mr. Wilson was nominated by the City of Ennis.