

# ELECTION ORDER

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF CAMERON   §

On January 11, 2024, the Board of Directors of Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2 convened in regular session, open to the public, with the following members present, to wit:

Sam Simmons, President  
Brady Taubert, Vice-President  
Lupe Argullin, Director  
Buck Rhyner, Secretary

constituting a quorum, and the following absent: None. Among the proceedings had by said Board of Directors was the following:

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Texas Water Code and the Texas Election Code, Cameron County Irrigation 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 4, 2024, in order that three (3) Directors may be elected to membership on the Board of Directors of Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2 to fill the place of three (3) Directors whose terms of office will expire on May 15, 2024;

**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 Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2 that:

1. A regular election for the election of three (3) Directors, each to serve for a term of four (4) years beginning May 15, 2024, 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, 2024, the same being May 4, 2024.
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 office of the District at 26041 F.M. 510, San Benito, 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, Vanessa Lopez, an employee of the District, is appointed Agent to preform the Secretary' 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 17, 2024 and ending on June 14, 2024.

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

Presiding Judge: Lawrence A. Drake, Jr.  
1800 Russell Lane  
San Benito, Texas 78586

Alternate Presiding Judge: Freddie Ortega  
27141 Cemetery Road  
San Benito, Texas 78586

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: Nelda Solorio a resident of the District  
FM 2370 F.M. 732  
San Benito, Texas

Deputy Clerk: Vanessa Lopez an employee of the District  
P.O. Box 975  
Olmito, Texas 78575

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

Mailing address: Early Voting Clerk  
P.O. Box 687  
San Benito, Texas 78586

Physical address: Office of Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2  
26041 F.M. 510  
San Benito, Texas

- 9.2 Other contract information of Voting Clerk:  
Phone No: (956) 399-2484  
Email address: [irrigation@ccid2.org](mailto:irrigation@ccid2.org)

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 22, 2024, and continue through April 30, 2024, on each day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or official State holiday. Applications for ballots by mail must be received (no postmarked) no later than April 23, 2024.

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. Box 687  
San Benito, Texas 78586

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

Office of Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2  
26041 F.M. 510  
San Benito, Texas 78586

10.3 A completed, scanned application for a ballot by mail containing an original signature shall be transmitted to: [charmon@ccdd3.org](mailto:charmon@ccdd3.org)

11. Candidates shall file an application with the Secretary of the Board or the Agent appointed pursuant to paragraph 5 hereinabove 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 17, 2024, and must be filed no later than five o'clock (5:00) p.m. on February 16, 2024, as required by law:

11.1 Mailing address: Secretary  
P.O. Box 687  
San Benito, Texas 78586

11.2 Physical address: Office of Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2  
26041 F.M. 510  
San Benito, Texas 78586

11.2 Email Address: [charmon@ccdd3.org](mailto:charmon@ccdd3.org)

12. Applications for a place on the ballot shall be substantially in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, AWS-20- 7/2011. Said form adapted for this District is attached.

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 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 no later than March 8, 2024.
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. March 5, 2024 (60<sup>th</sup> day before the election) is the date on which the qualified voters are determined. Any change of ownership or circumstance after this day is not considered.
18. March 25, 2024 (40<sup>th</sup> day before the election) is the last day to publish the list of qualified voters. The list shall be posted at:
  - 1) the District's office and on the District's website
  - 2) the Cameron County Courthouseand a list delivered to the County Clerk of Cameron County.
19. April 14, 2024 (20<sup>th</sup> day before the election) is the last day to file a Designation of Registered Representative. If the form arrives in the mail after April 14, it is too late.
20. 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 for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of this meeting.

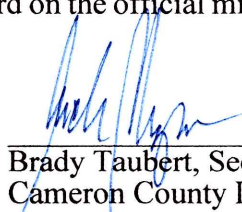
After consideration of the above Resolution and Order, it was moved and seconded that the same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted AYE: Lupe Argullin, Buck Rhyner, Sam Simmons, and Brady Taubert, and the following voted NO: None.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

  
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Sam Simmons, President, Board of Directors,  
Cameron County Irrigation 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 Cameron County Irrigation 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 11, 2024.

  
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Brady Taubert, Secretary, Board of Directors,  
Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2

**All information is required to be provided unless indicated as optional.**

<b>APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE CAMERON COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 2                      MAY 4, 2024 ELECTION BALLOT</b>					
TO: Secretary of Board I request that my name be placed on the above-named official ballot as a candidate for the office indicated below.					
<b>OFFICE SOUGHT: DIRECTOR</b>				<b>INDICATE TERM:</b> 4 years beginning May 15, 2024	
FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)			PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT		
PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Street address and apartment number. If none, describe location of residence. Do not include P.O. Box or Rural Rt.)			MAILING ADDRESS (If different from residence address)		
CITY	STATE	ZIP	CITY	STATE	ZIP
EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional)		OCCUPATION		DATE OF BIRTH / /	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE
TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code) (Optional)		Length of Continuous Residence as of Date Application Sworn IN STATE ___ yr(s) ___ mos			Tax ID or Description of land in the District owned by you :
OFFICE: HOME:					
If using a nickname as part of your name to appear on the ballot, you are also signing and swearing to the following statements: I further swear that my nickname does not constitute a slogan nor does it indicate a political, economic, social, or religious view or affiliation. I have been commonly known by this nickname for at least three years prior to this election					
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name) _____ who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says: "I, being a candidate for the office of Director of Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2, swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas. I am a citizen of the United States eligible to hold such office under the Constitution and laws of this state. I have not been finally convicted of a felony for which I have not been pardoned or had my full rights of citizenship restored by other official action. I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. I am aware of the nepotism law, Chapter 573, GovernmentCode.					
I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct."					
<span style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">X</span> _____ SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE					
Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____, this the _____ day of _____, _____					
<b>SEAL</b>					
Signature of Officer administering oath <sup>1</sup>			Title of Officer administering oath		
TO BE COMPLETED BY SECRETARY OF BOARD: (See Section 1.007)					
_____ Date Received			_____ Signature of Secretary		

## INSTRUCTIONS

The candidate **must** sign this statement indicating his awareness of the nepotism law. The nepotism prohibitions of chapter 573, Government Code, are summarized below:

No officer may appoint, or vote for or confirm the appointment or employment of any person related within the second degree by affinity (marriage) or the third degree by consanguinity (blood) to himself, or to any other member of the governing body or court on which he serves when the compensation of that person is to be paid out of public funds or fees of office. However, nothing in the law prevents the appointment, voting for, or confirmation of anyone who has been continuously employed in the office or employment for the following period prior to the election or appointment of the officer or member related to the employee in the prohibited degree: six months, if the officer or member is elected at the general election for state and county officers.

No candidate may take action to influence an employee of the office to which the candidate is seeking election or an employee or officer of the governmental body to which the candidate is seeking election regarding the appointment or employment of a person related to the candidate in a prohibited degree as noted above. This prohibition does not apply to a candidate's actions with respect to a bona fide class or category of employees or prospective employees.

Examples of relatives within the third degree of consanguinity are as follows:

- (1) First degree: parent, child;
- (2) Second degree: brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild;
- (3) Third degree: great-grandparent, great-grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece.

These include relatives by blood, half-blood, and legal adoption.

Examples of relatives within the second degree of affinity are as follows:

- (1) First degree: spouse, spouse's parent, son-in-law, daughter-in-law;
- (2) Second degree: brother's spouse, sister's spouse, spouse's brother, spouse's sister, spouse's grandparent.

Persons related by affinity (marriage) include spouses of relatives by consanguinity, and, if married, the spouse and the spouse's relatives by consanguinity. These examples are not all inclusive.

## FOOTNOTE

<sup>1</sup>If registration is required, complete the information.

<sup>2</sup>All oaths, affidavits, or affirmations made within this State may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by a judge, clerk, or commissioner of any court of record, a notary public, a justice of the peace, city secretary, and the Secretary of State of Texas.



Se requiere toda la información, a menos que haya alguna indicación que no es obligatoria.

**APLICACION PARA UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA DE CAMERONCOUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 2**

**MAYO 4, 2024 ELECCIÓN**

A: Secretario(a) de Junta Solicito que mi nombre esté puesto en la arriba nombrada boleta como candidato para puesto oficial indicado abajo.año(s)

PUESTO OFICIAL SOLICITADO Incluya número de lugar DIRECTOR, Nnúmero de lugar _____.	INDIQUE TÉRMINO: 4 años comienzo Mayo 15, 2024
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NOMBRE COMPLETO (Nombre de Pila, Segundo Nombre, Apellido)	ESCRIBA SU NOMBRE COMO DESEA QUE APAREZCA EN LA BOLETA
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DIRECCION DE RESIDENCIA PERMANENTE: Calle y Número de Departamento: si no tiene, describa la localidad de su residencia. No incluya su caja postal o ruta rural.	DIRECCION POSTAL (Si es diferente a su dirección de residencia)
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CIUDAD	ESTADO	ZONA POSTAL	CIUDAD	ESTADO	ZONA POSTAL
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CORREO ELECTRÓNICO (Optativo)	EMPLEO	FECHA DE NACIMIENTO / /	CONDADO DE RESIDENCIA
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NÚMERO DE TELÉFONO–Incluya el código de área (Optativo)  DE SU OFICINA:  DE SU DOMICILIO:	TIEMPO EN QUE HA RESIDIDO EN UN SOLO LUGAR EN LA FECHA EN QUE PRESTÓ JURAMENTO SOBRE LA SOLICITUD  EN EL ESTADO ____ (año(s)) ____ (mes(es))	Número identificación fiscal o descripción de la tierra en el Distrito de su propiedad
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Para poder incluir un apodo como parte de su nombre completo el la papeleta, Ud. deberá firmar la siguiente constancia: Además, juro que se me ha conocido por este apodo por más de tres años. Además, juro que el apodo no es un lema político ni una indicación de mis creencias o afiliaciones políticas, económicas, sociales, o religiosas.

Ante mí, la autoridad, suscrita apareció en persona \_\_\_\_\_, quien habiendo aquí y ahora prestado juramento debido, bajo juramento dice: "Yo, siendo candidato para el puesto oficial de Director de Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2, solemnemente juro que apoyaré y defenderé la Constitución y las leyes de los Estados Unidos y del Estado de Texas. Soy ciudadano de los Estados Unidos elegible para ocupar tal puesto oficial bajo la Constitución y las leyes de este Estado. No me han determinado por un juicio final de una corte de la legalización de un testamento, ser totalmente incapacitado mentalmente o parcialmente incapacitado sin el derecho de votar, ni he sido probado culpable finalmente de una felonía por la cual no he sido perdonado o por la cual no se me han restituido enteramente mis derechos de ciudadanía por medio de otra acción oficial. Yo tengo conocimiento de la ley sobre el nepotismo según el capitulo 573 de Código Gobierno.

Además juro que las anteriores declaraciones que incluyo en mi solicitud son verdaderas y están correctas en todos sentidos."

**X**  
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 FIRMA DEL CANDIDATO

Jurado y suscrito ante mi en _____, este día _____ de _____, _____	(SELLO)
_____ Firma del oficial administrando el juramento <sup>2</sup>	_____ Título del oficial administrando el juramento

TO BE COMPLETED BY SECRETARY OF BOARD:  
 (See Section 1.007)

_____ Date Received	_____ Signature of Secretary
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## INSTRUCCIONES

El candidato **deberá** firmar esta declaración indicando que él/ella está enterado(a) de la ley sobre el nepotismo. Lo siguiente es un resumen de las prohibiciones del nepotismo al acuerdo al capítulo 573 de Código Gobierno:

Ningún oficial podrá nombrar, o votar por o confirmar el nombramiento o empleo de alguna persona que está emparentada con él dentro del segundo grado por afinidad (matrimonio) o dentro del tercer grado por consanguinidad (sangre), o que está emparentada con cualesquier otro miembro del cuerpo directivo o corte en que él/ella celebra sesión cuando la compensación de esa persona estará pagada con fondos públicos o los honorarios del puesto oficial. Sin embargo, la ley no prohíbe el nombramiento, el votar por, o la confirmación de alguna persona que continuamente ha sido empleado de la oficina o ha sido empleado durante el siguiente plazo antes de la elección o el nombramiento del oficial o miembro que está emparentado con el empleado en el grado prohibido: seis meses, si el oficial o miembro está elegido en una elección otra de la elección general para oficiales del estado y del condado.

Ningún candidato podrá obrar para influir a un empleado del puesto oficial al cual el candidato desea estar elegido o un empleado o oficial del cuerpo fiscal al cual el candidato desea estar elegido en cuanto al nombramiento o al empleo de una persona que está emparentada con el candidato en un grado prohibido como notado arriba. Esta restricción no se dirige a las acciones de un candidato respecto a una clase o categoría de buena fe de empleados o empleados anticipados.

Los ejemplos de parientes dentro del tercer grado de consanguinidad son los siguientes:

- (1) Primer grado: padre, madre, hijo(a);
- (2) Segundo grado: hermano(a), abuelo(a), nieto(a) primo(a);
- (3) Tercer grado: bisabuelo(a), bisnieto(a), tío(a), sobrino(a).

Los siguientes incluyen parientes de linaje (sangre), medios hermanos, y adopción legal.

Los ejemplos de parientes dentro del segundo grado de afinidad son los siguientes:

- (1) Primer grado: esposo(a), suegro(a), yerno(a);
- (2) Segundo grado: cuñado(a), abuelo(a) del esposo o esposa.

Las personas que están emparentadas por afinidad (matrimonio) están incluyen los esposos o esposas de parientes que están emparentados por consanguinidad, y, si casados, el esposo o esposa y los parientes del esposo o esposa por consanguinidad. No todos estos ejemplos son inclusivos.

### NOTA

<sup>1</sup>Si se requiere estar registrado(a), complete toda la información

<sup>2</sup>Todo juramento, testimonio o afirmación hecho dentro de este Estado se podrá administrar y se podrá dar un certificado del hecho por un juez, escribano, o comisionado de alguna corte de registro, un notario público, un juez de paz, secretario de la ciudad, y el Secretario del Estado de Texas.