

Authorize the District to enter into a Joint Election Agreement with Hardin County to hold the Road Bond Election for the Defined Area

JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT 2024

Whereas, Hardin County, Texas, (hereafter referred to as “County”) and Hardin County Lumberton Municipal Utility District , (referred to hereafter as “LMUD”), anticipate holding election(s) between the dates of August 2024 to December 2024; and

Whereas, each of LMUD are located partially or entirely within Hardin County, Texas (the “County”); and

Whereas, the County has contracted or is contracting with LMUD to conduct and provide election services for the respective LMUD’s Election(s) from August 2024 to December 2024; and

Whereas, LMUD desires to enter into a joint election agreement with the County for the purpose of sharing election equipment, services of election officials, and sharing precinct polling locations and election ballots where appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE, LMUD agrees as follows:

- I. **Scope of Joint Election Agreement.** This Agreement applies only to elections held from August 2024 through December 2024.
- II. **Appoint Election Officer.** This Agreement appoints the Hardin County Elections Administrator to serve as the Election Officer for LMUD in order to perform and supervise the duties and responsibilities of the Election Officer.
- III. **Duties of County Election Officer:** The duties of the County Election Officer include but are not limited to the following:
 - A) Providing and programming all election equipment
 - B) Ordering all election supplies, including ballots.
 - C) Providing shared polling places and poll workers
 - D) Performing all duties pertaining to ballots by mail
 - E) Tabulating all votes and providing reports of votes cast.
 - F) Publishing the shared Notice of Election in the local newspapers and on the Hardin County Website only.
- IV. **Duties of LMUD.** LMUD will be responsible for the following duties:
 - A) Posting the Notice of Election provided on the website held.
 - B) Providing the wording and candidate's or proposition(s) order for the ballot.
 - C) Proof and approve the wording provided by the Election Officer.
 - D) Pay the fee associated with programming the ballot as billed by Hart InterCivic.
- V. **Early Voting Polling Locations.** The Early Voting locations are to be determined by Hardin County.
- VI. **Election Day Polling Locations.** Election Day voting shall be held in common precincts, where appropriate, at the dates, times, and locations recommended by the Election Officer and authorized and ordered by the governing body of LMUD.
- VII. **Effective Date.** This agreement becomes effective upon execution by LMUD.
- VIII. **Amendments.** This agreement may not be amended or modified except in writing and upon execution by LMUD entering this Joint Election Agreement.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF Lumberton MUD

In its meeting held the 19 day of August, 2024, and executed by its authorized representative.

By: N Carter

Name: Nicholas CARTER

Title: President of Board

ACKNOWLEDGED BY:

Alysa Freeman

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Elections Administrator, Hardin County, Texas

8/21/2024

Date