

NOTICE OF ELECTION

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF LIPSCOMB §

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE DARROUZETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an election will be held within Darrouzett Independent School District, on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, as provided in the Order Calling Bond Election passed by the Board of Trustees of Darrouzett Independent School District, a verbatim copy of which Order, as amended, is printed below.

**ORDER OF DARROUZETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
CALLING A BOND ELECTION AND
PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION
AND OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT THERETO**

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LIPSCOMB
DARROUZETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Darrouzett Independent School District (the "District") held a regular meeting on August 13, 2019, and that said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551; and,

WHEREAS, the District deems it advisable to call the Bond Election (the "Election") hereinafter ordered; and,

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined at said meeting that (1) it is in the public interest that the Election hereinafter ordered should be administered by and conducted jointly with Lipscomb County (the “County”); (2) the Election meets the requirements for a joint election under Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code; and, (3) it is in the public’s interest for the District to hold the hereinafter called Election on November 5, 2019, a uniform election date established by section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code; and,

WHEREAS, the District, contemporaneously with this Order, has by Resolution dated August 13, 2019, approved an Agreement with Lipscomb County for election administration services and to conduct the Election jointly with Lipscomb County (the “Election Agreement”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT:

1. **Findings.** The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof

2. **Election Ordered, Precincts and Polling Places.** The Election shall be held for the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on November 5, 2019 ("Election Day"). Such Election is to be conducted jointly with the County, as provided by Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code and the Election Agreement.

a. The Election shall occur at the following designated precinct(s) and polling place(s), and with the following election officers, who are hereby appointed to hold said Election:

Senior Citizens Building
202 S. Main
Darrouzett, Texas 79024

Which consists of those portions of Lipscomb County Voting Precincts 202 and 308 within Darrouzett ISD
Presiding Judge: Sheryl Winegarner
Alternate Judge: Terry Franks

b. Early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance at the Main Early Voting Place:

Old School House
301 South Main St.
Lipscomb, TX 79056

Early voting shall be conducted during the period of early voting as required or permitted by law, being October 21, 2019 through November 1, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Early voting at the Main Early Voting Place shall be conducted on each day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal state holidays, when there shall be no early voting by personal appearance, and shall at all times remain open during the above noted hours for early voting by personal appearance.

3. **Election Administration.** The Election shall be administered by Lipscomb County's designated Election Official on Election Day and for Early Voting as a joint election, pursuant to the terms of the Election Agreement and in accordance with the Texas Election Code and any other applicable state and federal law, except as modified by the Texas Education Code.

4. **Appointment of Election Officers.** The Election Judge and Alternate Election Judge identified in Section 2 herein are hereby appointed for the Election in accordance with the Election Agreement and the Texas Election Code. Assistant voting clerks and other election officials for the Election shall be appointed and assigned by Lipscomb County in accordance with the Election Agreement and the Election Code. The County's designated Election Official may further employ other personnel necessary for the proper administration of the Election, including such part-time help as is necessary to prepare for the Election, to ensure the timely delivery of supplies during early voting and on Election Day, and for the efficient tabulation of ballots. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of the District to appoint any such other officials not designated herein or appointed by the County as necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Election Code.

5. **Early Voting Clerks and Voting by Mail.**

a. In accordance with the Election Agreement, **Gailan Winegarner** shall be the Early Voting Clerk and **Kim Blau** shall be the Deputy Early Voting Clerk.

b. Applications for early voting by mail shall be sent to **Gailan Winegarner** by mail to: PO Box 129, Lipscomb, Texas 79056 or by email to taxac@amonline.com.

c. Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 25, 2019.

6. **Ballot Board.** An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election with the Presiding Judge and at least two members of the Early Voting Ballot Board to be appointed all in accordance with the Election Agreement and the Election Code.

7. **Persons to Vote.** All qualified electors of and residing in the District shall be entitled to vote at the Election.

8. **Proposition.** At the Election, the following PROPOSITION, setting forth the purpose for which the bonds will be authorized, shall be submitted in accordance with law:

DARROUZETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
DARROUZETT ISD PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Trustees of Darrouzett Independent School District be authorized to issue bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,000,000 for the construction, acquisition, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the District and the purchase of new school buses, with the bonds to mature serially or otherwise not more than 40 years from their date, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with the law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds?

9. **Ballot.** The official ballot for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

DARROUZETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
DARROUZETT ISD PROPOSITION A

____	FOR) THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,000,000 OF BONDS BY
) DARROUZETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
) DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION,
) ACQUISITION, RENOVATION AND
____	AGAINST) EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE
) DISTRICT, THE PURCHASE OF NEW SCHOOL
) BUSES, AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX FOR
) PAYMENT THEREOF

10. Required Information.

a. The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 9 above. The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 above. The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is \$2,000,000. If the bonds are approved by the voters, the Board of Trustees will be authorized to levy annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds.

b. Based upon current market conditions at the date of the adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate of the bonds or any series of bonds, if authorized, is estimated to be 4.0%. Such maximum rate is provided as a matter of information, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold. Market conditions may vary at the time the bonds are sold and affect the available interest rate.

c. As set forth in Section 8 above, if the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature over a specified period not to exceed 40 years. The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which the Election is ordered is \$615,000. The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest of the District's debt obligations secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which the Election is ordered is \$6,150. The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District at the time the Election is ordered is \$0.71 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation. All outstanding bonds as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which the Election was ordered have been paid and the District has no current debt obligations at the time this Election is ordered.

11. Notice of Election.

a. Notice of the Election, in both English and Spanish, shall contain a verbatim copy of this Order, and shall contain all information required by law, including the locations and times for early voting and election day voting, as well as the proposition and ballot language to be submitted to the voters (the "Notice"). The Notice shall be published at least one time, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District or, if none is published in the District, in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. In addition, not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the Election, or not later than the next business day if the 21st day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal state holiday, the Notice shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board of Trustees.

b. The Notice shall be posted: (i) on election day and during early voting by personal appearance in a prominent location at each polling place; and, (ii) not later than the 21st day before the Election, in 3 public places within the boundaries of the District. During the 21 days before the Election, the Notice shall also be prominently posted on the District's internet web site. All other necessary notices shall be posted and delivered, as may be required by law.

12. **Conduct of Election.**

a. The Election shall be administered by the designated Election Official of, and conducted jointly with Lipscomb County, according to the terms of the Election Agreement. The Election Agreement in the form and substance presented at this meeting is hereby approved, and the Superintendent and President of the Board of Trustees are authorized and directed to take appropriate actions on behalf of the District as necessary in connection with each Agreement.

b. To the extent permitted by law, the Board President and Superintendent are hereby authorized and may make changes to the Election Agreement, polling places, election judges and officers, and election procedures in the event changes are required, or which may become necessary due to circumstances arising after the date of this Order, and are further directed to take any and all action necessary to comply with state and federal law in conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of August, 2019.

/s/
Randy Miller, President
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

/s/
Rodney Coppock, Secretary
Board of Trustees