

ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION AND NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
HUTCHINSON, CARSON AND MOORE COUNTIES
SANFORD-FRITCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Sanford-Fritch Independent School District (the "*District*") deems it advisable to call the bond election hereinafter ordered (the "*Election*"); and

WHEREAS, the bond referendum is subject to the provisions of Section 45.003, Texas Education Code and the District is contracting with Hutchinson County, Texas ("*Hutchinson County*"); Carson County, Texas ("*Carson County*"); and Moore County, Texas ("*Moore County*") and together with Hutchinson County and Carson County, the "*Contracting Counties*") for the administration of the Election pursuant to an interlocal agreement with the Contracting Counties (the "*Election Contract*"); and

WHEREAS, Hutchinson County, acting through the Hutchinson County Clerk (the "*Hutchinson County Clerk*") in accordance with the Election Contract will provide for the administration of the Election for residents of the District residing in Hutchinson County; Carson County Clerk (the "*Carson County Clerk*") in accordance with the Election Contract will provide for the administration of the Election for residents of the District residing in Carson County; Moore County, acting through the Moore County Clerk (the "*Moore County Clerk*" and together with the Hutchinson County Clerk and the Carson County Clerk, the "*County Clerks*") will provide for the administration of the Election for residents of the District residing in Moore County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SANFORD-FRITCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

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

Section 2. *Election Ordered; Polling Places.* The Election shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on November 2, 2021 ("*Election Day*"). The Election is to be conducted and administered by the Contracting Counties as provided by the Texas Election Code (the "*Code*"), and the Election Contract. Voting on Election Day and Early Voting shall occur on the dates and during the hours and at the designated polling places as in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, which exhibit is hereby made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. The locations on Exhibit A are hereby designated at the voting locations. Exhibit "A" shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places required to conform to the Election Contract and the Code.

Section 3. *Early Voting.* Early voting shall be administered by the Contracting Counties. Early Voting by personal appearance shall begin on October 18, 2021, and conclude on October 29, 2021 and will be conducted at the Early Voting locations on the dates and at the times specified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and which locations are hereby designated as the early voting locations. The early voting polling places shall remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance for any registered voter of the District at such voting place. Exhibit "A" shall be changed to include additional or different early voting polling places required to conform to the Election Contract and the Code.

Section 4. *Election Officials.* The appointment of the Presiding Election Judges, Alternate Judges, Early Voting Clerks, the Presiding Judge of the early ballot board and other election officials for the Election shall be made by the County Clerks.

Section 5. *Voting by Mail.* Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall be submitted by personal delivery or shall be mailed to the address below prior to the deadline prescribed by law:

(a) Applications for voting by mail for all Hutchinson County residents of the District shall be sent as follows:

By Mail and Personal Delivery:

Jan Barns
County Clerk
515 South Main, Suite 211
Stinnett, TX 79083
Ph: (806) 878-4002
Fax: (806) 878-3497
Email: co.clerk@hutchinsoncnty.com

(b) Applications for voting by mail for all Carson County residents of the District shall be sent as follows:

By Mail and Personal Delivery:

Celeste Bichsel

Elections Administrator
501 Main Street
Panhandle, TX 79068
Ph: (806) 537-3873
Fax: (806) 537-3623
Email: celeste.bichsel@co.carson.tx.us

(c) Applications for voting by mail for all Moore County residents of the District shall be sent as follows:

By Mail and Personal Delivery: Brenda McKanna
Moore County Clerk
715 Dumas Avenue, Room 107
Dumas, Tx 79029
Ph: (806) 935-2009
Fax: (806) 935-9004
Email: bmckanna@moore-tx.com

Section 6. Early Voting Ballots. An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election, and the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall be designated by the County Clerks. The Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the Early Voting Ballot Board members and, if needed, the Signature Verification Committee members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

Section 7. Qualified Voters. All qualified electors of and residing in the District, shall be entitled to vote at the election.

Section 8. Proposition. At the Election the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

SANFORD-FRITCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
SANFORD-FRITCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Sanford-Fritch Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of constructing, renovating, improving, expanding and equipping school facilities in the District and the purchase of school buses, with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with 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 and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?

Section 9. Ballots. The official ballots 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:

SANFORD-FRITCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
SANFORD-FRITCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

FOR _____) THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 OF BONDS BY THE SANFORD-FRITCH
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES AND BUSES
AGAINST _____) AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF. THIS IS A PROPERTY
TAX INCREASE
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Section 10. Compliance with Federal Law. In all respects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Code. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") and the Code, at each polling place there shall be at least one voting system that is equipped for disabled individuals, and each such voting system shall be a system that has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State as compliant with HAVA and the Code. The District hereby finds that the voting system to be used by the Contracting Counties in administering the Election is such a system, and orders that such voting equipment or other equipment certified by the Texas Secretary of State shall be used by the District in its elections.

Section 11. The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Superintendent, President, Vice President or the Secretary of the Board of Trustees to execute or attest on behalf of the District the Election Contract with the Contracting Counties.

Section 12. The following information is provided in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code.

- (a) The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 9 hereof.
- (b) The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 hereof.
- (c) The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is \$5,000,000 for Proposition A.
- (d) 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 and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds.
- (e) Based upon the bond market conditions at the date of adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate for any series of the bonds is estimated to be 3.50%. Such estimate considers several factors, including the issuance schedule, maturity schedule and the expected bond ratings of the proposed bonds. Such estimated maximum interest rate is provided as a matter of information but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds or notes, or any series thereof, may be sold.
- (f) If the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature serially, over a period not to exceed 25 years from the date of issuance of each series of bonds.
- (g) The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations as of the date of this Order is \$7,012,287.
- (h) The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest of the District's debt obligations as of the date of this Order is \$3,382,691.
- (i) The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District as of the date of this Order is \$0.28 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.
- (j) The website for the District (as the authority conducting the election) is www.sfisd.net and the website for the Hutchinson County Clerk is www.co.hutchinson.tx.us and the website for the Carson County Clerk is www.co.carson.tx.us and the website for the Moore County clerk is www.co.moore.tx.us.

EXHIBIT A

Early Voting Location Dates and Hours
(Hutchinson County)

Main Early Voting Place:
Hutchinson County Courthouse
500 Main Street
Stinnett, TX 79083

Branch Early Voting Place:
Hutchinson County Annex Building
1400 Veta Street, Room 116
Borger, TX 79007

Branch Early Voting Place:
Fritch Library Community Room
205 N. Cornell
Fritch, TX 79036

October 18-October 29, 2021 (Monday-Friday) 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Election Day Voting Location and Hours
(Hutchinson County)

SF ISD Administration 540 Eagle Blvd. Fritch, TX
November 2, 2021 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Early Voting Location Dates and Hours
(Carson County)

Commission Court Room, 501 Main Street, Panhandle TX
October 18-October 29, 2021 (Monday-Friday)
8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Election Day Voting Location and Hours
(Carson County)

501 Mesquite Carson County Precinct #3 Barn, Fritch TX
November 2nd 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Early Voting Location Dates and Hours
(Moore County)

First Street Annex, 310 E First, Dumas TX
Sunray City Hall 405 Main Street Sunray, TX

Mon-Thur Oct 18-21 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
 Friday October 22nd 8:00 am – 12:30 pm
 Mon-Thur Oct 25-28 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
 Friday October 29th 8:00 am – 12:30 pm

Election Day Voting Location and Hours
(Moore County)

November 2nd 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
 First Street Annex, 310 E First, Dumas TX
 Sunray City Hall 405 Main Street Sunray, TX

Voter Information Document – Sanford-Fritch Independent School District Special Election
Proposition A

The following information is prepared to comply with Tex. H.B. 477 86th Leg., R.S. (2019) and is for illustration purposes only. The information is not a part of the proposition to be voted on and does not create a contract with the voters.

At the Election, the following language will appear on the ballot:

SANFORD-FRITCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
 SANFORD-FRITCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

FOR	_____)	THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 OF BONDS BY THE SANFORD-FRITCH
)	INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES AND BUSES
AGAINST	_____)	AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF. THIS IS A PROPERTY
)	TAX INCREASE
)	

The following table sets forth the estimated principal amount of, and interest due to maturity on, the bonds to be issued if Proposition A passes, and all outstanding obligations of the District secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes.

Principal Amount of Bonds to be authorized	Estimated interest for Bonds to be authorized ⁽¹⁾	Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the Bonds to be authorized ⁽¹⁾	Principal of District's Existing Outstanding Debt (as of 8/10/21)	Remaining interest on District's Existing Outstanding Debt (as of 8/10/21)	Combined Principal and Interest to timely pay District's Outstanding Debt (as of 8/10/21)
\$5,000,000	3.50%	\$7,655,000	\$7,012,287	\$3,382,691	\$10,394,978

⁽¹⁾ The interest on the proposed bonds was estimated at a rate of 3.50% based on market conditions as of August 10, 2021, and therefore, the interest payable on the proposed bonds may be less than, or more than, the amounts set forth above based on market conditions at the time of sale of the proposed bonds.

Based on the information and assumptions provided in the table above, the estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District with a taxable appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the proposed bonds, if approved, is \$120. This estimate assumes average annual growth of District's taxable assessed valuation of 0% per year through the tax year 2020 and assumes no growth thereafter. The District assumes that the proposed bonds will be issued in an amortization that will produce relatively overall consistent levels of debt service in each year while taking into account the District's existing debt amortization schedule.

SANFORD-FRITCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
 (ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SANFORD-FRITCH)

November 2, 2021 (2 de noviembre de 2021)

OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETAS ELECTORALES OFICIALES)

Place an "x" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote.
 (Coloque una "x" en el cuadro al lado de la declaración indicando en qué forma usted quiere votar.)

Sanford-Fritch Independent School District Special Election
Sanford-Fritch Independent School District Proposition A

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For _____)
) The issuance of \$5,000,000 of bonds by the Sanford-Fritch Independent School
) District for school facilities and buses and levying the tax in payment thereof. This is
Against _____)
) a property tax increase.
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Elección especial del distrito escolar independiente de Sanford-Fritch
Proposición A del distrito escolar independiente de Sanford-Fritch

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A favor _____)
) La emisión de \$5,000,000 en bonos por parte del distrito escolar independiente de
) sanford-fritch para instalaciones escolares y autobuses y la imposición de un impuesto
En contra _____)
) para el pago de estos. Esto es un aumento al impuesto predial.
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