

NOTICE OF VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENTS, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in Groesbeck Independent School District, on the 7th of November 2023, in accordance with the following Order:

A RESOLUTION AND ORDER ADOPTING A BUDGET, TAX RATE AND CALLING A VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT AND THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Groesbeck Independent School District (the “District”), located in the Counties of Limestone, Robertson, and Falls, Texas, hereby adopts a budget for the 2023-2024 school year, an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.97550 per \$100 taxable assessed valuation that exceeds the District’s 2023 Voter-Approval Tax Rate (“VATR”) and, therefore, finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (“VATRE”) pursuant to Section 26.08(a), Texas Tax Code, as amended, and the Texas Election Code, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board, hereby adopts the budget as presented for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board, hereby adopts a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.76800 per \$100 taxable assessed valuation for the 2023 tax year, a rate that is \$0.03 higher per \$100 taxable assessed valuation than the District’s 2023 Maximum Compressed Tax Rate of \$0.7380 for maintenance and operations; and

WHEREAS, the District will hold an election to ratify and adopt the above tax rate on November 7, 2023 (the “Election”) at locations prescribed in this Order pursuant to the Texas Election Code, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. The statements contained in the preamble of this Resolution and Order (“Order”) are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. The budget as presented for the 2023-2024 school year is adopted as presented.

Section 3. The Board hereby levy or set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2023 at a total tax rate of \$0.97550, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:

\$0.76800 for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and

\$0.20750 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts.

Such taxes are to be assessed and collected by the tax officials designated by the District.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3% AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$30.

Section 4. An election shall be held on November 7, 2023 (the "Election Date") in the District, a date that is thirty (30) or more days from the date of this Order, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas:

GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION A

RATIFYING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF \$0.76800 PER \$100 TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION IN GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, A RATE THAT WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE OF 3.9 PERCENT IN MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX REVENUE FOR THE DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AS COMPARED TO THE PRECEDING YEAR, WHICH IS AN ADDITIONAL \$411,531.

Section 5. Persons Qualified to Vote. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 6. Election Precincts, Voting Locations, and Voting Hours on Election Day. The election precincts for the Election shall consist of the territory within the boundaries of the District as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated fully herein. The Board hereby authorizes the Limestone, Robertson, and Falls Counties Election Administrators to designate voting locations. The voting location for voting on Election Day for each election precinct shall be as set forth in Exhibit A, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the Limestone, Robertson, and Falls Counties Election Administrators or their designee. Limestone, Robertson, and Falls Counties Election Administrators or their designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit A, and such locations are hereby approved. On Election Day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 7. Early Voting Locations, Dates, and Times.

(a) Early voting by personal appearance for all election precincts shall be held at the locations, at the times, and on the days set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and

incorporated herein. The Superintendent or his designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit B and such locations are hereby approved.

(b) Jennifer Southard is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk for Limestone County. Applications for ballot by mail or electronic mail shall be sent to: Jennifer Southard, Early Voting Clerk, 200 W. State St., Room G5, Groesbeck, Texas 76642, or via electronic mail at Jennifer.southard@co.limestone.tx.us. The Early Voting Clerk is hereby authorized to appoint the deputy early voting clerks as necessary for the Election. More information regarding the election can be found at <https://www.co.limestone.tx.us/page/limestone.elections>.

Rebekah Callaway is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk for Robertson County. Applications for ballot by mail or electronic mail shall be sent to: Rebekah Callaway, Early Voting Clerk, Robertson County Election Center, 601 N. Hearne Street, Franklin, Texas 77856, or via electronic mail at elections.dept@co.robertson.tx.us. The Early Voting Clerk is hereby authorized to appoint the deputy early voting clerks as necessary for the Election. More information regarding the election can be found at <https://www.co.robertson.tx.us/page/robertson.Elections>.

Nicket Taylor is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk for Falls County. Applications for ballot by mail or electronic mail shall be sent to: Nicket Taylor, Early Voting Clerk, 125 Bridge Street, Room 101, Marlin, Texas 76661, or via electronic mail at nicket.taylor@co.falls.tx.us. The Early Voting Clerk is hereby authorized to appoint the deputy early voting clerks as necessary for the Election. More information regarding the election can be found at <https://www.co.falls.tx.us/page/falls.Elections>.

(c) Applications for ballots by mail via post or electronic submission must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 27, 2023.

Section 8. Appointment of Election Officers.

(a) The election judges, alternate judges, clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, the central counting station officials, and other personnel necessary for conducting the Election shall be appointed; election judges and alternate judges may be changed, polling places may be combined for some precincts, and the central counting station shall be established and staffed.

(b) The Election shall be conducted by election officers, including the presiding judges and alternate presiding judges appointed by the Limestone, Robertson, and Falls Counties Election Administrators, in accordance with the Education Code, the Election Code, the Constitution, and laws of the State and the United States of America. The presiding judges shall appoint not less than two (2) or more than three (3) qualified election clerks for the conduct of the Election. The Board hereby authorizes the Limestone, Robertson and Fall Counties Election Administrators to appoint any such other officials not designated herein as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Election Code.

Section 9. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given by: (i) publishing a substantial copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, one (1) time not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the tenth (10th) day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District (or otherwise complies with State law), (ii) by posting a copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, on the bulletin board

used for posting notices of meetings of the Board, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election and in at least three (3) public places in the boundaries of the District, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election and (iii) by posting a copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, on the District’s website, prominently and together with the notice of the Election and the contents of the Proposition, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election through Election Day. Additionally, on Election Day and during early voting by personal appearance, this Order shall be posted in a prominent location at each polling place. Notice of the Election shall also be provided to the county clerks of Limestone, Robertson and Fall Counties and their respective Elections Administrators not later than the 30th day before the Election Day.

Section 10. Conduct of Election. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code, except as modified by the Texas Education Code, the Texas Tax Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Texas Election Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

Section 11. The official ballot shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit voters to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the aforesaid propositions, which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION A

- FOR) “RATIFYING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF \$0.76800 PER \$100 TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION IN GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, A RATE THAT WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE OF 3.9 PERCENT IN MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX REVENUE FOR THE DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AS COMPARED TO THE PRECEDING YEAR, WHICH IS AN ADDITIONAL \$411,531.”
- AGAINST)

Section 12. Severability. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Order, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, neither the remaining portions of this Order nor their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall be affected thereby, it being the intent of the Board in adopting this Order that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness, invalidity or unenforceability of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 13. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 21st day of August 2023.

/s/ Aslone Foy

President, Board of Trustees
Groesbeck Independent School District

ATTEST:

/s/ Bridgett Jackson-Tatum

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Groesbeck Independent School District

EXHIBIT A

November 7, 2023

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS

LIMESTONE COUNTY

<u>Precinct(s)</u>	<u>Polling Location</u>
102	Mary Helen Nance Community Center, 301 E. 8 th Street, Thornton, Texas 76687
103	Kosse Community Center, 200 N. SH 14, Kosse, Texas 76653
204 & 205	Coolidge Civic Center, 806 Bell Street, Coolidge, Texas 76635
206	Tehuacana City Hall, 205 S. Railroad Street, Tehuacana, Texas 76686
101,104, 301, 303 & 406	Limestone County Courthouse, 200 W. State Street, Rm. G13, Groesbeck, Texas 76642
201,202, 203,302, 304, 305, 401, 4003, 404, 405	Mexia Civic Center, 101 S. McKinney Street, Mexia, Texas 76667
402	Farrar – XTO Building, 1016 FM 1512, Donie, Texas 75838

ROBERTSON COUNTY

<u>Precinct(s)</u>	<u>Polling Location</u>
1	Calvert Fire Station, 700 Railroad St, Calvert, Texas 77837
2, 13, 22, 23	Hearne Public Safety Building, 306 W 3 rd Street, Hearne, Texas 77859
3	Wheelock Methodist Church, 10381 Commerce St, Wheelock, Texas 77882
4, 6, 16, 19	Pridgeon Center, 351 Cooks Lane, Franklin, Texas 77856
5	JP#4, 113 E Jack St, Bremond, Texas 76629
8	Seale Fire Station, 10473 FM 937, Thornton, Texas 76687
11	Church at Five Points, 9157 FM 2549, Bryan, Texas 77808

FALLS COUNTY

<u>Precinct(s)</u>	<u>Polling Location</u>
103	Otto Community Center, 106 CR 163, Otto, Texas 76682

EXHIBIT B

LIMESTONE COUNTY

EARLY VOTING POLLING LOCATIONS

Limestone County Courthouse
200 W. State Street, Rm. G13
Groesbeck, Texas 76642

Mexia Civic Center
101 S. McKinney Street
Mexia, Texas 76667

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

DATES	DAYS	HOURS
October 23-27, 2023	Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
October 30 – November 3, 2023	Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ROBERTSON COUNTY

EARLY VOTING POLLING LOCATIONS

Main Early Voting Location

Robertson County Election Center
601 N. Hearne Street
Franklin, Texas 77856

Hearne Public Safety Building
306 W. 3rd Street
Hearne, Texas 77859

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

DATES	DAYS	HOURS
October 23, 2023 – October 27, 2023	Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
October 30, 2023 – November 1, 2023	Monday – Wednesday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
November 2, 2023 - November 3, 2023	Thursday & Friday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

EXTENDED HOURS

October 28, 2023 Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

FALLS COUNTY

EARLY VOTING POLLING LOCATIONS

Falls County Courthouse – Annex Building
1910 Industrial Park Road
Marlin, Texas 76661

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

DATES	DAYS	HOURS
October 23, 2023 – October 27, 2023	Monday – Friday	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
October 30, 2023 – November 1, 2023	Monday – Wednesday	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
November 2, 2023 - November 3, 2023	Thursday & Friday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.