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HAND DELIVERY

Re: Llano County MUD #1 (the "District"), May 5, 2018 Directors Election (the "Election")

Dear Candidate:

Attached is a candidate's application packet for a position on the Board of Directors of the District. If you wish to run in the Election, you must complete the enclosed candidate's application and return it to the undersigned. **Please note that the application must be received prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2018, in order for your name to be placed on the ballot for the Election.** You should complete all of the information on the face of the application, printing your name as you want it to appear on the ballot. Note that telephone numbers are optional and that the form requires that you put something in the box for Occupation (even "none"). If you do not own property in the District, you must be a registered voter in the District in order to qualify to serve on the Board of Directors.

Your signature is required in the "loyalty oath" portion of the application. Note that signing the loyalty oath on the face of the candidate's application also constitutes your statement that you are aware of the Nepotism Law in the State of Texas. That law is summarized on the back of the application. In addition, your signing of the loyalty oath constitutes your oath that any nickname you might be using on the ballot has been your nickname for at least three years.

The Application for a Place on the Ballot must be notarized when you sign the oath section. Please call if you have any questions about the requirements or about the statements you are affirming in the oath.

Also enclosed is a form for appointment of candidate's campaign treasurer. **You must complete and return this form as soon as you become a candidate** (that is, by the time you complete and file the candidate's application). You may name yourself as your campaign treasurer. The campaign treasurer appointment form also requires your signature indicating that you are aware of the Nepotism Law and of your responsibility to file reports in a timely manner. (The Nepotism Law is summarized in the instructions on the Application for a Place on the Ballot.) If you do not intend to accept contributions that exceed \$500, or to

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spend more than \$500 on your campaign, you should also sign the box on the back of the form. This will exempt you from certain reporting requirements. **If you do not sign the box on the back of the form, your first expenditure report is due on April 5, 2018.**

In addition to the forms discussed above, we are required to provide you with a copy of the Fair Campaign Practices Act (the "Act") as soon as you appoint a campaign treasurer and become a candidate. For ease of administration, I am enclosing the Act along with the form for subscription to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices (the "Code"). If you are willing to subscribe to the Code after reading the legislation, **you should complete the Form CFPC with your name and the name of your campaign treasurer (which may be yourself) and then review the statement on the back and sign and date the form.** The Form CFPC, if signed, should be returned to me for filing with the election files.

Directors elected in 2018 will serve on the Board until 2022. If you have any questions about the election or the forms, please give me a call at (830) 598-5460 or email me at lcudone@zeecon.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela Thomas
General Manager

CSM/csm
Attachments

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNLESS INDICATED OPTIONAL

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| APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE _____ GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT | | | | | |
| TO: City Secretary/Secretary of Board | | | | | |
| I request that my name be placed on the above-named official ballot as a candidate for the office indicated below. | | | | | |
| OFFICE SOUGHT (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.) | | | | INDICATE TERM <input type="checkbox"/> FULL <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPIRED | |
| FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last) | | | PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT ¹ | | |
| PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe the address at which you receive personal mail and location of residence.) | | | PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Campaign mailing address, if available.) | | |
| CITY | STATE | ZIP | CITY | STATE | ZIP |
| PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (If available) | | OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank) | | DATE OF BIRTH / / | VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER (Optional) ² |
| TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional) Home: Work: Cell: | | LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE APPLICATION SWORN | | | |
| | | IN STATE ____ year (s) ____ month(s) | | IN TERRITORY FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED ³ ____ year (s) ____ month(s) | |
| 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, (name) _____, of _____ County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of _____, 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, Government Code. I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct." | | | | | |
| X _____ SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE | | | | | |
| Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____, this the ____ day of _____, _____. | | | | | |
| SEAL | | | | | |
| _____ Signature of Officer Administering Oath ⁴ | | | _____ Title of Officer Administering Oath | | |
| TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY SECRETARY OR SECRETARY OF BOARD: (See Section 1.007) | | | | | |
| _____ Date Received | | _____ Signature of Secretary | | | |
| Voter Registration Status Verified <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

FORM CFCP COVER SHEET

Pursuant to chapter 258 of the Election Code, every candidate and political committee is encouraged to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. The Code may be filed with the proper filing authority upon submission of a campaign treasurer appointment form. Candidates or political committees that already have a current campaign treasurer appointment on file as of September 1, 1997, may subscribe to the code at any time.

Subscription to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is voluntary.

| OFFICE USE ONLY |
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| Date Received |
| Date Hand-delivered or Postmarked |
| Date Processed |
| Date Imaged |

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| 1 ACCOUNT NUMBER (Ethics Commission Filers) | 2 TYPE OF FILER CANDIDATE <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICAL COMMITTEE <input type="checkbox"/> <i>If filing as a candidate, complete boxes 3 - 6, then read and sign page 2.</i> <i>If filing for a political committee, complete boxes 7 and 8, then read and sign page 2.</i> | | | | |
| 3 NAME OF CANDIDATE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT) | TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.) NICKNAME | FIRST LAST | MI SUFFIX (SR., JR., III, etc.) | | |
| 4 TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CANDIDATE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT) | AREA CODE () | PHONE NUMBER | EXTENSION | | |
| 5 ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT) | STREET / PO BOX; | APT / SUITE #; | CITY; | STATE; | ZIP CODE |
| 6 OFFICE SOUGHT BY CANDIDATE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT) | | | | | |
| 7 NAME OF COMMITTEE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT) | | | | | |
| 8 NAME OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT) | TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.) NICKNAME | FIRST LAST | MI SUFFIX (SR., JR., III, etc.) | | |

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There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate and political committee in this state has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional rights to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

- (1) I will conduct the campaign openly and publicly and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to my opponent’s record and stated positions on issues.
- (2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate’s personal or family life.
- (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opponent.
- (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our system of free elections or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters, including any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process, and will not engage in any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Texas or campaign treasurer of a political committee, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct the campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Signature

Date

INSTRUCTIONS

An application to have the name of a candidate placed on the ballot for any general election may not be filed earlier than 30 days before the deadline prescribed by this code for filing the application. An application filed before that day is void. All fields **must** be completed unless specifically marked optional.

The general election filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. 78 days prior to election day for any uniform election date.

If you have questions about the application, please contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 800-252-8683.

NEPOTISM LAW

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.

FOOTNOTES

¹For rules concerning the form of a candidate's name or nickname on the ballot, see Subchapter B, Chapter 52 of the Texas Election Code.

²Inclusion of a candidate's VUID is optional. However, many candidates are required to be registered voters in the territory from which the office is elected at the time of the filing deadline. Please visit the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's website for additional information. <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-faq.shtml>

³This refers to the length of residence inside the district or territory from which the office is elected. For example, length of residence in a school district, for a school trustee office elected at large. This field **MUST BE COMPLETED**.

⁴All 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 (for a city office), and the Secretary of State of Texas.

APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE

FORM CTA PG 1

See CTA Instruction Guide for detailed instructions.

1 Total pages filed:

2 CANDIDATE NAME

MS / MRS / MR FIRST MI
NICKNAME LAST SUFFIX

OFFICE USE ONLY

Acct. #

Date Received

3 CANDIDATE MAILING ADDRESS

ADDRESS / PO BOX; APT / SUITE #; CITY; STATE; ZIP CODE

4 CANDIDATE PHONE

AREA CODE PHONE NUMBER EXTENSION
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Date Hand-delivered or Postmarked

Date Processed

5 OFFICE HELD (if any)

Date Imaged

6 OFFICE SOUGHT (if known)

7 CAMPAIGN TREASURER NAME

MS/MRS/MR FIRST MI NICKNAME LAST SUFFIX

8 CAMPAIGN TREASURER STREET ADDRESS (residence or business)

STREET ADDRESS (NO PO BOX PLEASE); APT / SUITE #; CITY; STATE; ZIP CODE

9 CAMPAIGN TREASURER PHONE

AREA CODE PHONE NUMBER EXTENSION
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10 CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

I am aware of the Nepotism Law, Chapter 573 of the Texas Government Code.

I am aware of my responsibility to file timely reports as required by title 15 of the Election Code.

I am aware of the restrictions in title 15 of the Election Code on contributions from corporations and labor organizations.

Signature of Candidate

Date Signed

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CANDIDATE MODIFIED REPORTING DECLARATION

FORM CTA
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11 CANDIDATE
NAME

12 MODIFIED
REPORTING
DECLARATION

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU ARE CHOOSING MODIFIED REPORTING

•• This declaration must be filed no later than the 30th day before the first election to which the declaration applies. ••

•• The modified reporting option is valid for one election cycle only. ••
(An election cycle includes a primary election, a general election, and any related runoffs.)

•• Candidates for the office of state chair of a political party may NOT choose modified reporting. ••

I do not intend to accept more than \$500 in political contributions or make more than \$500 in political expenditures (excluding filing fees) in connection with any future election within the election cycle. I understand that if either one of those limits is exceeded, I will be required to file pre-election reports and, if necessary, a runoff report.

Year of election(s) or election cycle to
which declaration applies

Signature of Candidate

This appointment is effective on the date it is filed with the appropriate filing authority.