

## ORDER FOR ELECTION

A ORDER BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ADAMS GARDENS IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 19, ORDERING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2019, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT THE FOLLOWING ISSUE: THE CONSOLIDATION OF HARLINGEN IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 1 AND ADAMS GARDENS IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 19; DESIGNATING LOCATIONS AND HOURS OF POLLING; ORDERING NOTICES OF ELECTION TO BE GIVEN AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES; AUTHORIZING THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE ELECTION LAWS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors for the Harlingen Irrigation District Cameron County No. 1 and Adams Gardens Irrigation District No. 19 desire to submit the proposed consolidation of the Districts to their respective voters in accordance with Texas Water Code Sections 58.726-58.730; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Election Code Section 58.727, the Boards of Directors of the Harlingen Irrigation District Cameron County No. 1 and Adams Gardens Irrigation District No. 19 have agreed on the terms and conditions of consolidation and hereby order the election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE ADAMS GARDENS IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 19:

SECTION 1: ELECTION ORDERED. An Election is hereby ordered to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 ("Election Day"), for the purpose of considering the consolidation of Harlingen Irrigation District No. 1 and Adams Gardens Irrigation District No. 19.

SECTION 2. BALLOT. The official ballot to be used in the Election shall be prepared in accordance with Section 52.072 of the Texas Election Code, as amended. The ballots shall permit the voters to vote "For" or "Against" the aforementioned proposition and shall be set forth in substantially the following form:

## Proposition 1

The Consolidation of Harlingen Irrigation District Cameron County No. 1 and Adams Gardens Irrigation District No. 19, in accordance with Texas Water Code, §§58.726-58.730, and the terms and conditions of a Consolidation Agreement entered into by the Boards of Directors of said Districts, the said Consolidated District to be called Harlingen Irrigation District Cameron County No. 1.

### (Propuesta 1)

(La Consolidación de Harlingen Irrigation District Cameron County No. 1 y Adams Gardens Irrigation District No. 19, de acuerdo con Texas Water Code, §§58.726-58.730, y con los terminos y condiciones de un Acuerdo de Consolidación suscrito por los Directores de la Mesa Directiva de los Distritos, dicho Distrito el cual sera llamado Harlingen Irrigation District Cameron County No. 1.)

- For (A favor)
- Against (En contra)

SECTION 3. ELECTION DAY. Election Day voting by personal appearance shall be conducted Saturday, May 4, 2019, at the following location from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

301 E. Pierce Ave.  
Harlingen, TX 78550

SECTION 4. EARLY VOTING. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on each day beginning on April 22, 2019 and continuing through April 30, 2019. Early voting by personal appearance shall be held at the District office, 301 E. Pierce Ave., Harlingen, Texas. Applications for a ballot by mail shall be delivered to the Early Voting Clerk at 301 E. Pierce Ave., Harlingen, Texas 78550. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

SECTION 5. ELECTION TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE LAWS. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to publish and/or post, in the time and manner prescribed by law, all notices required to be so published and/or posted in connection with the conduct of this Election. The Election, including providing notice of the election, shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and other applicable law, and all qualified and registered voters of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

SECTION 6. NOTICE OF ELECTION. A notice of the Election, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of Board meetings not later than 21 days prior to Election Day, and in a prominent location at each polling place on Election Day and during early voting. In addition, during the 21 days prior to Election Day, the District shall, in a prominent manner, maintain such notice on its Internet website.

SECTION 7. AUTHORITY OF BOARD PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER. The Board President and the General Manager, in consultation with the District's Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and any other state or federal law in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY. Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Order be declared unconstitutional and/or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is expressly provided that any and all remaining portions of this Order shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Order shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ADAMS GARDENS IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 19 on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2019.

APPROVED:

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Earl B. Adams, President

ATTEST:

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Walter Winters, Jr., Secretary