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Subject: Bastrop CAD Director Appointments - Important Date October 15th
Importance: High

Dear Presiding Officer:

As you may be aware, the membership of the Bastrop Central Appraisal District Board of Directors is a position appointed by the participating taxing jurisdictions, the County, the Cities, the School Districts, and the Community College.

The term for the current Board of Directors will expire on December 31, 2023. This is an appointment year for Bastrop and there are several stages in the process that are subject to a deadline.

1. Taxing jurisdictions nominate up to five members on or before October 15th.
2. Taxing jurisdictions receive a ballot of all nominations on or before October 30th.
3. Taxing jurisdictions distribute their allocated votes to a single nominee or several nominations on the ballot, by resolution at a regular session, delivered to the appraisal district on or before December 15th.

Legislative changes if approved by the voters will require the number of board members for the appraisal district to be increased from five to nine. Five members appointed by the taxing jurisdictions, three members elected at large at the May, 2024 election, and one elected Tax Assessor/Collector. So, there will be five appointed and four elected officials for the Board of Directors, effective July 1, 2024.

Please note that the Tax Assessor/Collector becomes a voting board member effective July 1, 2024. It is recommended that the Tax Assessor/Collector **NOT** be appointed as one of the five appointed members. The Tax Assessor/Collector will continue to serve on the Board of Directors from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024 as a non-voting member, with voting privileges beginning July 1, 2024.

The term for the appointed member will be from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, one-year. Legislative changes this year will require a staggered four-year term, requiring an appointment process again in 2024 and 2025 to accomplish the staggered terms.

Current board members that have expressed an interest in being nominated are:

David Redd – Bastrop Community
David Glass – Elgin Community
William (Bill) Archer – Bastrop Community

Should you nominate the three listed, we still need an additional two or more nominations. The ballot can have more than five nominations listed. The top five votes will determine the five appointed members.

Those who have expressed an interest from the community (the taxing authority who nominates must have contacted the individual to confirm the interest to serve).

Jeannie Ralph – Smithville Community
Stacy Tiner – Smithville Community
Pamela Harkins – Elgin Community

When you are looking for individuals to nominate, they must be a resident of the county and they must have lived in the county for at least two years. They cannot be related to an employee of the appraisal district. Further qualifications can be found on the Comptroller’s website. The following link should direct you to the source document: <https://bastropcad.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/96-301-27.pdf>

Other helpful information: The Board of Directors meets at least once a quarter. Meetings typically start at 3:00 p.m. and last from one to two hours.

Attached is the Allocation of Votes and a sample Nomination Resolution.

If you have any questions, please let me know as soon as possible. Please note the first deadline is for the nominations and it is October 15th.

Thank you,

Faun

