

# General Instructions for the Presiding Election Judge in the SWCD Director Election Process

- I. Call Election Meeting to Order:** "This election meeting is called to order under the requirements of Title 7, Chapters 201.073 of the Agricultural Code of Texas."
- II. Purpose:** "This election is for the purpose of electing a soil and water conservation district director for subdivision #\_\_\_\_\_ of the Soil and Water Conservation District."
- III. Legal Description of the Subdivision in which a director is to be elected:** *As attached to Notice to Eligible Voters*
- IV. Brief Overview of SWCD:** "The \_\_\_\_\_ Soil and Water Conservation District is a legal subdivision of Texas State Government. It was organized by local landowners that petitioned for and received a Certificate of Organization from the State of Texas for the purpose of providing for the conservation of soil, water and related resources within the district. The district is self-governed by five elected landowners who make up the Board of Directors. Furthermore, it is the purpose of the Soil and Water Conservation district to encourage all landowners and landusers within its boundaries to cooperate in planning and voluntarily apply conservation programs on agricultural as well as urban lands."
- V. Eligibility for Office:** "In order to serve a four-year term as a director for Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation District, the person elected must be an eligible voter at least 18 years of age and own land within Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_. The person must also be actively engaged in the business of farming or ranching and be a resident of the county all or part of which is included in the conservation district."
- VI. Eligible Voter:** "A person is eligible to vote in the election of a SWCD director if the individual holds title to farmland or ranchland lying within the \_\_\_\_\_ SWCD and is at least 18 years of age and is a resident of the county all or part of which is included in the \_\_\_\_\_ Soil and Water Conservation District. (If a family farm corporation owns farmland or ranchland in the conservation district, the corporation is entitled to one vote in the election. The corporation shall designate one corporate officer to vote for the corporation in the election. The designated officer must meet the above requirements relative to legal age and residency in the county all or part of which is included in the conservation district.)"