

**ZAPATA COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (HWY 16E)
CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

May 2, 2026 Election

Attached hereto are:

1. Application for Place on the Ballot
2. the Fair Campaign Practices Act (Texas Election Code chapter 258), and
3. Form CFCP, Code of Fair Campaign Practices
4. Form CTA, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer by Candidate
5. Election Information
6. Notice Of Deadline To File For An Application For Place On Ballot
7. Texas Water Code § 49.052
8. Candidate Acknowledgment

Guides forms, and accompanying instructions are available on the Texas Ethics Commission's website at <http://www.ethics.state.tx.us>, including:

1. Campaign Finance Guide for Candidates and Officeholders Who File With Local Filing Authorities
2. Campaign Finance Guide for Political Committees
3. Schedules of Filing Dates
4. A Guide To Political Advertising: What You Need To Know
5. A Guide To The Prohibition Against Using Political Subdivision Resources for Political Advertising.

For questions not answered in the guides or in the instructions to forms, you should call the Texas Ethics Commission, (512) 463-5800. Upon request, Zapata County Water Control & Improvement District (Highway 16E) will, at no cost, make available to you the forms and accompanying instructions published by the Texas Ethics Commission.

There are penalties for violating the Campaign Finance Law, Title 15 of the Texas Elections Code.

NOTICE: Texas Water Code § 49.052, applies because:

the District includes less than all the territory of a county,
is not located within the corporate area of a city,
is not a special water district described in Texas Water Code § 49.181(h)(1)(D), and
is not a district governed by Chapter 375, Texas Local Government Code.

**EN EL ZAPATA COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
(HIGHWAY 16E)**

Información para los candidatos

Mayo 2, 2026 Elección

Se adjunta:

1. Aplicacion Para Un Lugar En La Boleta
2. Fair Campaign Practices Act (Texas Election Code chapter 258), and
3. Form CFCP, Code of Fair Campaign Practices
4. Form CTA, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer by Candidate
5. Información de la Elección
6. Aviso De Fecha Limite Para Presentar Solicitudes Para Un Lugar En La Botelta
7. Código de Agua de Texas § 49.052
8. Confirmación de candidatos

Las siguientes guías, formularios e instrucciones están disponibles en el sitio web de la Comisión de Ética de Texas en <http://www.ethics.state.tx.us>, inclusa:

1. Campaign Finance Guide for Candidates and Officeholders Who File With Local Filing Authorities
2. Campaign Finance Guide for Political Committees
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Para las preguntas sin respuestas en las guías o en las instrucciones de los formularios, usted debe llamar a la Comisión de Ética de Texas, (512) 463-5800. A petición, Zapata County Water Control & Improvement District (Highway 16E) , sin costo alguno, poner a su disposición los formularios e instrucciones adjuntas publicadas por la Comisión de Ética de Texas.

Hay penas por violar la ley de financiamiento de campañas, Título 15 del Código Electoral de Texas.

NOTIFICACIÓN: Código de Agua de Texas § 49.052 se aplica porque:

el Distrito incluye menos que todo el territorio de un condado,
no está ubicado dentro del área corporativa de una ciudad,
no es un distrito de agua especial descrito en Código de Agua de Texas § 49.181(h)(1)(D), y
no es un distrito gobernado por el Capítulo 375 del Código de Gobierno Local de Texas.

ELECTION ORDER

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF ZAPATA §

On January 28, 2026, the Board of Directors of Zapata County Water Control and Improvement District (Highway 16E) convened in regular session, open to the public, with the following members present, to wit:

Ramiro Ramirez, Jr., President
Sergio A. Lozano, Vice President
Jesse A. Porras, Secretary
Santiago Hernandez, Director
Gabriela de los Santos, Director

constituting a quorum, and the following absent: None. Among the proceedings had by said Board of Directors was the following:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Texas Water Code and the Texas Election Code, Zapata County Water Control and Improvement District (Highway 16E) shall hold an election on the first Saturday in May of even-numbered years, at which time the required number of Directors shall be elected to fill the vacancies then occurring on the Board of Directors as provided by law;

WHEREAS, such an election is necessary and should be held on May 2, 2026, in order that three (3) Directors may be elected to membership on the Board of Directors of Zapata County Water Control and Improvement District (Highway 16E) to fill the place of three (3) Directors now serving whose terms of office will expire on May 13, 2026;

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined and found that in accordance with standing order of this Board, written notice of the date, place, and subject of this meeting, including consideration of the setting of said election, was posted at the District's Office at a place convenient to the public, and posted on the District's website for the period of time and manner as is required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Directors of Zapata County Water Control and Improvement District (Highway 16E) that:

1. A regular election for the election of three (3) Directors to serve for a term of three (3) years beginning May 13, 2026:

Place 3
Place 4
Place 5

be and it is hereby called and ordered to be held in and for this District, in the manner prescribed by law, on the first Saturday of May, 2026, the same being May 2, 2026.

2. Said election be conducted during the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. to seven o'clock (7:00) p.m. at the office of the District at 504 State Highway 16 East, Zapata, Texas 78076, a place within the District and a place which the Board, after considering the requirements of Texas Election Code § 43.031, finds to be a proper place for conducting the election.

3. For the purpose of said election, all the area included within the boundaries of this District shall constitute one (1) election precinct.
4. Said election be held at the aforesaid voting place with the use of paper ballots.
5. The election shall be conducted by the following hereby designated and qualified officers:

Presiding Judge: Roberto O. Montes
P.O. Box 404
Zapata, Texas 78076

Alternate Presiding Judge: Omelia Zapata
119 Roma Street
Zapata, Texas 78076

Such persons are designated only for this election. If the presiding judge is unable to serve at the election, the alternate presiding judge shall serve as the presiding judge for the election.

6. The presiding judge is authorized to appoint two (2) election clerks.
7. The presiding judge designated for said election shall also serve as the early voting ballot judge and the presiding officer of said early voting ballot board, and shall appoint no less than two (2) other duly qualified members as provided by Texas Election Code Chapter 87.
8. Early voting shall be held as provided by law and shall be conducted by the following hereby designated and qualified officers:

Clerk: Mireya Bustamante
234 Lozano Road
Zapata, Texas 78076

Deputy Clerk: Roberto O. Montes
P.O. Box 404
Zapata, Texas 78076

- 8.1. The addresses the Voting Clerk may receive delivery by common or contract carrier are:

Mailing address: Early Voting Clerk
P.O. Box 427
Zapata, Texas 78076

Physical address: Office of Zapata County Water Control and
Improvement District (Highway 16E)
504 State Highway 16 East
Zapata, Texas 78076

- 8.2 Other contract information of Voting Clerk:
Phone No: (956) 765-9650
Email address: zapatacowcid@yahoo.com

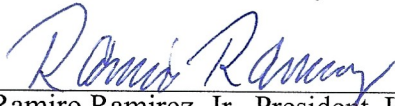
9. There being fewer than 1,000 registered voters in the District, pursuant to Election Code § 85.002(d) and § 85.005(b), early voting by personal appearance for this election shall be held at the District's office at 504 State Highway 16 East, Zapata, Texas 78076, a place within the District and a place which the Board, after considering the requirements of Texas Election Code § 43.031, finds to be a proper place for conducting the election, and said place of early voting shall remain open during the hours of nine o'clock (9:00) a.m. and twelve o'clock noon (12:00 noon), which is at least three (3) hours on each day of the early voting period, which shall begin on April 20, 2026, and continue through April 28, 2026, on each day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or official State holiday. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than April 20, 2026.
- 9.1 The mailing address of the Clerk to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent is:
- Early Voting Clerk
P.O. Box 427
Zapata, Texas 78076
- 9.2 The physical address of the Clerk to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be delivered is:
- Office of Zapata County Water Control and
Improvement District (Highway 16E)
504 State Highway 16 East
Zapata, Texas 78076
- 9.3 A completed, scanned application for a ballot by mail containing an original signature shall be transmitted to: zapatacowcid@yahoo.com
10. Candidates shall file an application with the Secretary of the Board to have his or her name printed on the election ballot. Such application must be signed by the candidate or by at least ten (10) qualified electors of this District. The first day to file an application for place on the ballot is January 14, 2026, and must be filed no later than five o'clock (5:00) p.m. on February 13, 2026, as required by law:
- 10.1 Mailing address:
- Secretary
P.O. Box 427
Zapata, Texas 78076
- 10.2 Physical address:
- Office of Zapata County Water Control and
Improvement District (Highway 16E)
504 State Highway 16 East
Zapata, Texas 78076
- 10.3 Email Address: zapatacowcid@yahoo.com
11. Applications for a place on the ballot shall be substantially in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, AWS-20- 7/2011. Said form adapted for this District is attached.
12. The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall conduct a drawing for the order in which names of the candidates for the above-mentioned election are to be printed on the ballot, and shall post notice of the time and place of said drawing, and mail notice of the date, hour, and place of the drawing to each candidate at the address stated on the application for a place on the

ballot not later than the fourth (4th) day before the drawing in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 52.094 of the Election Code.

13. Notice be given of this election by a method as prescribed by Section 4.003(1)(B) of the Texas Election Code.
14. A Writ of Election and notice of appointment shall be delivered as prescribed by Section 4.007, Texas Election Code to the Presiding Judge no later than March 4, 2026.
15. Notice of this election be given as prescribed by Section 85.007(c) Texas Election Code, by posting continuously for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the first hour that early voting is conducted in the same manner Notices of Meeting of the Board are posted.
16. It is further found and determined that notice of the date, place, and subject of this meeting was posted in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 52.094(c) of the Election Code, and Section 551.043 of the Government Code for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of this meeting.

After consideration of the above Resolution and Order, it was moved and seconded that the same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted AYE: Ramiro Ramirez, Jr., Sergio A. Lozano, Jesse A. Porras, Santiago Hernandez, and Gabriela de los Santos; and the following voted NO: None.

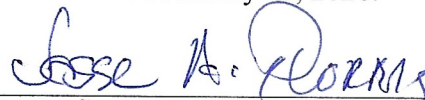
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 28th day of January, 2026.



Ramiro Ramirez, Jr., President, Board of Directors
Zapata County Water Control & Improvement District (Highway 16E)

CERTIFICATE

The above and foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the resolution calling and ordering an election, as adopted by the Board of Directors, as the same was and appears of record on the official Minutes of the regular meeting of said Board held on January 28, 2026.



Jesse A. Porras, Secretary, Board of Directors,
Zapata County Water Control & Improvement District (Highway 16E)