NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE NORDHEIM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Below is a copy of the Order Calling a Bond Election to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020, in the Nordheim Independent School District, which serves as the notice of such election required by Section 4.003 of the Texas Election Code.

ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS DEWITT AND KARNES COUNTIES NORDHEIM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Nordheim Independent School District (the "District") deems it advisable to call the bond election hereinafter ordered (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, the bond referendum is subject to the provisions of Section 45.003, Texas Education Code, and the District intends to conduct the election jointly with the City of Nordheim (the "City"), as a joint election, in conjunction with an election to be held on the same date by the City, and possibly by other political subdivisions located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the District (the "Joint Election Participants); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Election Code (the "Code"), particularly, Chapter 271, the District may enter into a joint election agreement with the Joint Election Participants (the "Joint Election Agreement") to hold all such elections jointly in the election precincts that can be served by common polling places; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Code, the District intends to enter into a contract with Dewitt County (the "County") for the administration of the Election pursuant to an interlocal agreement (together with the Joint Election Agreement, the "Election Contracts"); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the anticipated capital improvements identified in Proposition A may be submitted to the qualified voters of the District as a single proposition as authorized by Section 45.003(g) of the Code because these capital improvements will be predominantly used for educational and administrative purposes and are not the type of purposes described in Section 45.003(g)(1-6); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the anticipated capital improvements identified in Proposition B must be submitted to the qualified voters of the District as a separate proposition because these facilities are for the purposes described in Section 45.003(g)(3); and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NORDHEIM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

<u>Section 1. Findings</u>. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. Election Ordered; Polling Places. The Election shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 1, 2021 ("Election Day"). The Election is to be conducted and administered by the County, in accordance with the Code and the Election Contracts. Voting for the

Election on Election Day and Early Voting shall occur on the dates and during the hours and at the designated polling places as set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto, which exhibit is hereby made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. <u>Exhibit A</u> shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places required to conform to the Code and the Election Contracts.

<u>Section 3. Early Voting</u>. The Early Voting Clerk shall be Melissa Alcazar, DeWitt County Election Administrator. Early voting shall be administered pursuant to the Election Contracts. Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on April 19, 2021 and conclude on April 27, 2021, and will be conducted at the Early Voting locations on the dates and at the times specified in <u>Exhibit B</u> attached hereto. The early voting polling places shall remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance for any registered voter of the District at such voting place. <u>Exhibit B</u> shall be modified to include additional or different early voting polling places required to conform to the Election Contracts and the Code.

<u>Section 4. Election Officials</u>. The appointment of the Presiding Election Judges, Alternate Judges, the Presiding Judge of the early ballot board and other election officials for the Election shall be made at a later date, in accordance with the Election Contracts and the Code. Other personnel may be employed as necessary for the proper administration of the Election, including such part-time help as is necessary to prepare for the Election, to ensure the timely delivery of supplies during early voting and on Election Day, and for the efficient tabulation of ballots at the central counting station. The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Superintendent, President, Vice President or the Secretary of the Board of Trustees to execute or attest on behalf of the District the Election Contracts.

<u>Section 5. Voting by Mail</u>. Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall submitted by personal delivery not later than April 16, 2021 or shall be mailed to the address below and received (not postmarked) by April 20, 2021.

(a) Applications for voting by mail shall be sent as follows:

Postal Mail: ATTN: Melissa Alcazar, Nordheim ISD Early Voting Clerk P.O. Box 169 Cuero, Texas 77954

Commercial Carrier or Personal Delivery 115 N. Gonzales St., Ste. D Cuero, Texas 77954

Fax: (361) 275-0860 Email: electionadmin@co.dewitt.tx.us

If an application for voting by mail is faxed or emailed, then the original, hard copy of the application must be mailed and received by the Early Voting Clerk no later than the 4th business day after receipt of such fax or email.

<u>Section 6. Early Voting Ballots</u>. An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election and the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall be designated pursuant to the Election Contracts. The Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the Early Voting Ballot Board members and, if needed, the Signature Verification Committee members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

Section 7. Qualified Voters. All qualified electors of and residing in the District, shall be entitled to vote at the election.

Section 8. Propositions. At the Election the following PROPOSITIONS shall be submitted in accordance with law:

NORDHEIM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION NORDHEIM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Nordheim Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$6,345,000 for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, renovating, and equipping school buildings in the District, the purchase of school buses, and the retrofitting of school buses with emergency, safety or security equipment, with said bonds to mature not more than 15 years from their date of issuance, bear interest at such rate or rates as approved by the Board of Trustees (provided that such rate of interest shall not exceed the maximum rate authorized by law at the time of issuance of any series or issue of the bonds), and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance, all within the discretion of the Board of Trustees; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?

NORDHEIM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION NORDHEIM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION B

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Nordheim Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,585,000 for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, renovating, and equipping recreational facilities in the District consisting of tennis courts and track and field facilities, with said bonds to mature not more than 15 years from their date of issuance, bear interest at such rate or rates as approved by the Board of Trustees (provided that such rate of interest shall not exceed the maximum rate authorized by law at the time of issuance of any series or issue of the bonds), and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance, all within the discretion of the Board of Trustees; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds?

Section 9. Ballots. The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITIONS with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITIONS to be expressed substantially as follows:

NORDHEIM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION NORDHEIM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,345,000 OF BONDS BY THE NORDHEIM FOR) INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OCONSTRUCTING, ACQUIRING, RENOVATING, AND EQUIPPING SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES, THE RETROFITTING OF SCHOOL BUSES WITH EMERGENCY, AND SAFETY OR SECURITY EQUIPMENT. TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS WILL BE IMPOSED. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

	NORDHEIM	I INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
	NORDHE	IM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION B
	```	THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,585,000 OF BONDS BY THE NORDHEIM
		INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURPOSE
FOR		OF CONSTRUCTING, ACQUIRING, RENOVATING, AND EQUIPPING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT CONSISTING OF
		RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT CONSISTING OF
AGAINST		TENNIS COURTS AND TRACK AND FIELD FACILITIES. TAXES
		SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE
		BONDS WILL BE IMPOSED. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

<u>Section 10</u>. Compliance with State and Federal Law. In all respects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Code. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") and the Code, at each polling place there shall be at least one voting system that is equipped for disabled individuals, and each such voting system shall be a system that has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State as compliant with HAVA and the Code. The Superintendent is hereby authorized to enter into any necessary agreements pursuant to the Election Contracts in order to comply with this section.

<u>Section 11</u>. Debt Obligations. The following information is provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.009(b), Texas Election Code.

(a) The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 9 hereof.

(b) The purposes for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 hereof.

(c) The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is the amount stated in the respective propositions and ballots in Section 8 and Section 9, above.

(d) If the bonds are approved by the voters, the Board of Trustees will be authorized to levy annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds.

(e) Based upon the bond market conditions at the date of adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate for any series of the bonds is estimated to be 2.05%. Such estimate takes into account a number of factors, including the issuance schedule, maturity schedule and the expected bond ratings of the proposed bonds and notes. Such estimated maximum interest rate is provided as a matter of information, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds or notes, or any series thereof, may be sold.

(f) As set forth in Section 8 hereof, if the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature serially or otherwise, over a period not to exceed not 15 years from their date of issuance.

(g) The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations as of the date of this Order is \$0.

(h) The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest of the District's debt obligations as of the date of this Order is \$0.

(i) The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District as of the date of this Order is \$0 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

<u>Section 12</u>. Notice of Election. The District shall cause either a notice of the Election or a substantial copy of this Order (in English and Spanish) to be posted and published as the notice of election ("Notice") required by Sections 4.003(a)(1)(A), (b) and (f), Texas Election Code.

Section 13. Preparation and Posting of Voter Information Document. The Superintendent and Business Manager are hereby authorized to coordinate with District consultants to arrange for the preparation and posting of a voter information document for each proposition, attached hereto as Exhibits C and D, as required by Section 1251.052 of the Texas Government Code.

<u>Section 14</u>. Execution of Additional Documents; Amendments and Revisions. The Superintendent is authorized to enter into any other agreements required by the in connection with conducting the election ordered herein, and the District is authorized to pay any fees charged by the County, the City, or other Joint Election Participants for services rendered in connection with the election. The Superintendent is further authorized to enter into an agreement with other political subdivisions as necessary to effectuate the joint election. The Superintendent is hereby authorized to approve technical changes to this Order, upon consultation with Bond Counsel, in order to correct any ambiguity or mistake or as may otherwise be required to comply with state law or the requirements or recommendations of election officials in connection with the conduct of the bond election.

Section 15. Effective Date. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1201.028, Texas Government Code, this Order shall become effective immediately upon adoption thereof.

# Exhibit A (Anexo A)

# ELECTION DAY (DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN)

Election Day: Saturday, May 1, 2021. (*Día de la Elección: Sábado 1 de mayo de 2020.*)

Election Day Polling Locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (*Lugares de votación del Día de la Elección abiertos de 7 a.m. a 7 p.m.*)

Presiding Judge and Alternate: to be determined by the Administrator (*Jueces Presidente y Suplente: a determinar por la Administradora*)

District Precinct (Precinto del Distrito)	DeWitt County Precinct (Precinto del Condado de DeWitt)	Karnes County Precinct (Precinto del Condado de Karnes)	<b>Polling Place</b> ( <i>Lugar de la votación</i> )
1	All (303 and 301)	5	Nordheim ISD School Library 500 North Broadway Nordheim, TX 78141

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# Exhibit B (Anexo B)

# EARLY VOTING (VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA)

Early Voting Clerk (*Secretario de Votación Anticipada*): Melissa Alcazar, DeWitt County Election Administrator, 115 N. Gonzales St., Ste. D, Cuero, Texas 77954.

Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board: to be determined by the Administrator. (Juez Presidente del Consejo de Boletas de Votación Anticipada a determinar por la Administradora).

Nordheim ISD School Library 500 North Broadway Nordheim, Texas 78141

April 19, 2021 (19 de abril de 2021)	7:00 am – 7:00 pm	
April 20, 2021 (20 de abril de 2021)	7:00 am – 7:00 pm	
April 21, 2021 (21 de abril de 2021)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	
April 22, 2021 (22 de abril de 2021)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	
April 23, 2021 (23 de abril de 2021)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	
April 26, 2021 (24 de abril de 2021)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	
April 27, 2021 (24 de abril de 2021)	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	
open through the lunch hour each voting day		

(abierto durante la hora del almuerzo cada día de votación)

# Early Voting By Mail (Votación Anticipada por Correo)

Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business (5:00 pm) on April 20, 2021. Applications should be sent to: (*Las solicitudes de votación por correo deben ser recibidas a más tardar al cierre de operaciones* (5:00 p.m.) del 20 de abril de 2021. Se deben enviar las solicitudes a:)

Melissa Alcazar, DeWitt County Election Administrator P.O. Box 169, Cuero, Texas 77954 fax (*fax*): (361) 275-0860 email (*correo electrónico*): electionadmin@co.dewitt.tx.us

If an application for ballot by mail is faxed or emailed (or if a federal postcard application is faxed), the applicant must also mail the original application so that the early voting clerk receives the original no later than four days after receiving the emailed or faxed copy.

(Si se envía por fax o correo electrónico una solicitud de boleta por correo (o si se envía por fax una solicitud postal federal), el solicitante también debe enviar la solicitud original para que el secretario de votación anticipada reciba el original a más tardar cuatro días después de recibir la copia enviada por correo electrónico o por fax.)

## **Exhibit C Voter Information Document**

<u>Ballot Information</u>: At the Election, the following language will appear on the ballot:

	NORDHEIM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION					
	NORDHEIM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A					
	THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,415,000 OF BONDS BY THE NORDHEIM					
	) INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF					
FOR	) CONSTRUCTING, ACQUIRING, RENOVATING, AND EQUIPPING					
FOR	) SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL					
AGAINST	) BUSES, THE RETROFITTING OF SCHOOL BUSES WITH					
AGAINST	) EMERGENCY, AND SAFETY OR SECURITY EQUIPMENT. TAXES					
	) SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE					
	BONDS WILL BE IMPOSED. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.					

### Estimated Debt Service Information:

The following table sets forth the estimated principal amount of, and interest due to maturity on, the bonds to be issued if Proposition A passes, and all existing outstanding obligations of the District secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes.

Principal	Estimated	Estimated combined	Principal of	Remaining	Combined
Amount of	interest for	principal and	District's	interest on	Principal and
Bonds to be	Bonds to be	interest required to	Existing	District's	Interest to timely
authorized	authorized	pay on time and in	Outstanding	Existing	pay District's
under	under	full the Bonds to be	Debt	Outstanding	Existing
Proposition A	Proposition A ⁽¹⁾	authorized under	(as of	Debt	Outstanding
		Proposition A ⁽¹⁾	01/20/2021)	(as of	Debt
				01/20/2021)	(as of
					01/20/2021)
\$6,415,000	\$1,200,783	\$7,615,783	\$0	\$0	\$0

(1) Interest is estimated based on bond market conditions as of 01/20/2021. If Proposition A is approved by the voters, upon the actual sale of the bonds, the principal amount of bonds sold may increase (but not in excess of authorized principal amount of \$6,415,000) or decrease based on market conditions at the time of such sale. The interest on the proposed bonds under Proposition A was calculated at a rate of 2.03% based on market conditions as of 01/20/2021, and therefore, the interest payable on such proposed bonds may be less than, or more than, the amounts set forth above based on market conditions at the time of sale of the proposed bonds to be authorized under Proposition A.

Based on the information and assumptions provided in the table above, the estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a **residence** homestead in the District with a taxable appraised value of \$100,000, less applicable exemption, to repay the proposed bonds to be authorized under Proposition A, is \$59.18. This estimate assumes no annual growth of the District's taxable assessed valuation, and assumes that the proposed bonds will be issued in an amortization that will produce relatively consistent levels of debt service, when combined with the District's currently outstanding debt obligations, in each year through 08/15/2036, with an assumed maximum annual debt service payment for the proposed bonds and all currently outstanding debt obligations of approximately \$509,647 coming due in fiscal year 2032/2033.

The information provided in this Document is to comply with Tex. H.B. 477 86th Leg., R.S. (2019), which requires a voter information document for each proposition to be submitted to the voters. Reference is made to the other Voter Information Documents for each of the District's other propositions, which are included herewith, for additional information pertaining to other potential new debt of the District.

# **Exhibit D Voter Information Document**

<u>Ballot Information</u>: At the Election, the following language will appear on the ballot:

 

 NORDHEIM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION NORDHEIM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION B

 THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,585,000 OF BONDS BY THE NORDHEIM

 NDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURPOSE

 OF CONSTRUCTING, ACQUIRING, RENOVATING, AND EQUIPPING

 RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT CONSISTING OF

 OF TENNIS COURTS AND TRACK AND FIELD FACILITIES. TAXES

 SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE

 BONDS WILL BE IMPOSED. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

## Estimated Debt Service Information:

The following table sets forth the estimated principal amount of, and interest due to maturity on, the bonds to be issued if Proposition B passes, and all existing outstanding obligations of the District secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes.

Principal	Estimated	Estimated combined	Principal of	Remaining	Combined
Amount of	interest for	principal and	District's	interest on	Principal and
Bonds to be	Bonds to be	interest required to	Existing	District's	Interest to timely
authorized	authorized	pay on time and in	Outstanding	Existing	pay District's
under	under	full the Bonds to be	Debt	Outstanding	Existing
Proposition B	Proposition	authorized under	(as of	Debt	Outstanding
_	<b>B</b> ⁽¹⁾	Proposition B ⁽¹⁾	01/20/2021)	(as of	Debt
		-		01/20/2021)	(as of
					01/20/2021)
\$1,585,000	\$296,686	\$1,881,686	\$0	\$0	\$0

(1) Interest is estimated based on bond market conditions as of 1/20/2021. If Proposition B is approved by the voters, upon the actual sale of the bonds, the principal amount of bonds sold may increase (but not in excess of authorized principal amount of \$1,585,000) or decrease based on market conditions at the time of such sale. The interest on the proposed bonds under Proposition A was calculated at a rate of 2.03% based on market conditions as of 1/20/2021, and therefore, the interest payable on such proposed bonds may be less than, or more than, the amounts set forth above based on market conditions at the time of sale of the proposed bonds to be authorized under Proposition B.

Based on the information and assumptions provided in the table above, the estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District with a taxable appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the proposed bonds to be authorized under Proposition B, is \$14.62. This estimate assumes no annual growth of the District's taxable assessed valuation, and assumes that the proposed bonds will be issued in an amortization that will produce relatively consistent levels of debt service, when combined with the District's currently outstanding debt obligations, in each year through 08/15/2036, with an assumed maximum annual debt service payment for the proposed bonds and all currently outstanding debt obligations of approximately \$125,909 coming due in fiscal year 2032/2033.

The information provided in this Document is to comply with Tex. H.B. 477 86th Leg., R.S. (2019), which requires a voter information document for each proposition to be submitted to the voters. Reference is made to the other Voter Information Documents for each of the District's other propositions, which are included herewith, for additional information pertaining to other potential new debt of the District.