CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER CALLING BOND ELECTION

STATE OF TEXAS	§
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COUNTY OF TRINITY	§
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WESTWOOD SHORES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	§

We, the undersigned officers of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Westwood Shores Municipal Utility District (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The Board convened in a regular session, open to the public, on the 22nd day of January, 2024, and the roll was called of the members of the Board, to-wit:

Joan Gallagher - President
Robert Stoddard - Vice President
John Wolf - Secretary

Jim Atkinson - Assistant Secretary

Bryan Holmes - Director

All members of the Board were present, thus constituting a quorum. Whereupon, among other business, the following was transacted at such meeting:

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was duly introduced for the consideration of the Board. It was then duly moved and seconded that such Order be adopted; and, after due discussion, such motion, carrying with it the adoption of said Order, prevailed and carried by the following vote:

AYES: <u>5</u> NOES: <u>0</u>

2. A true, full, and correct copy of the aforesaid Order adopted at the meeting described in the above and foregoing paragraph is attached to and follows this Certificate; such Order has been duly recorded in said Board's minutes of such meeting; the above and foregoing paragraph is a true, full, and correct excerpt from the Board's minutes of such meeting pertaining to the adoption of such Order; the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph are the duly chosen, qualified, and acting officers and members of the Board as indicated therein; each of the officers and members of the Board was duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally, in advance of the time, place, and purpose of such meeting and officers and members consented, in advance, to the holding of such meeting for such purpose; such meeting was open to the public, as required by law, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of such meeting was given as required by V.T.C.A. Government Code, Chapter 551, as amended.

SIGNED AND SEALED the 22nd day of January, 2024.

WESTWOOD SHORES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

<u>/s/ Joan Gallagher</u> President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

<u>/s/ John Wolf</u> Secretary, Board of Directors



EXHIBIT B

ORDER CALLING BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TRINITY

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 49.101 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, the Texas Election Code (the "Election Code"), and other related statutes, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Westwood Shores Municipal Utility District (the "District") of Trinity County, Texas (the "County") is authorized to call an election in order to submit to the voters of the District the necessary proposition(s) regarding the issuance of general obligation bonds for water, wastewater, sanitary sewer, lead and copper rule: lead service line replacement, reuse, and drainage facilities and related purposes, and for refunding any outstanding general obligations bonds of the District as may be applicable from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it advisable to call a bond election (the "Election") for the proposition(s) hereinafter stated; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board desires to call an election for the purpose of submitting propositions on the issuance of bonds of the District for the provision of water, wastewater, sanitary sewer, lead and copper rule: lead service line replacement, reuse, and drainage facilities in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$7,000,000 and the levy of taxes in payment of such bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to call an election for the purpose of submitting propositions on the issuance of refunding any bonds or refunding bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$7,000,000 and the levy of taxes in payment of such bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to proceed with the ordering of said election. Now, therefore,

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WESTWOOD SHORES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1: The matters and facts set out in the preamble of this order are hereby found and declared to be true and complete. As provided by law for the issuance of bonds payable wholly or in part by ad valorem taxes, an election shall be held and notice shall be given, as provided by law. The Engineering Report and estimates of costs described above are hereby approved. An election shall be held for the District between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., on the 4th day of May, 2024 ("Election Day"). The election shall be held as a joint election pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Election Code and a joint election agreement to be entered into between the District and other political subdivisions located in the County which are holding an election on May 4, 2024. The Election is to be conducted and administered by the County. Voting for the Election during Early Voting and on Election Day shall occur on the dates and during the hours and at the designated polling place(s) as set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. Exhibits "A" may be modified to include additional or different Early

Voting and Election Day polling places as may be deemed appropriate by the County Judge and the County Clerk. The election shall be held to authorize the District to issue its bonds up to the amounts and for the purposes set out in the following Proposition(s) and to provide for payment of any such bonds as set out in such Proposition(s).

PROPOSITION A

SHALL THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WESTWOOD SHORES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BONDS OF SAID DISTRICT IN ONE OR MORE ISSUES OR SERIES IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$7,000,000), MATURING SERIALLY OR OTHERWISE IN SUCH INSTALLMENTS AS ARE FIXED BY SAID BOARD OF DIRECTORS OVER A PERIOD OR PERIODS NOT EXCEEDING FORTY (40) YEARS, OR OTHER PERIOD AUTHORIZED BY LAW, FROM THEIR DATE OR DATES, AND TO BE ISSUED AND SOLD AND AT ANY PRICE OR PRICES AND TO BEAR INTEREST AT ANY RATE OR RATES AS SHALL BE DETERMINED WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AND AS AUTHORIZED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AT THE TIME OF SUCH ISSUANCE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DISTRICT AND ANY LAND WHICH MAY BE HEREAFTER ANNEXED INTO THE DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF PURCHASING, CONSTRUCTING, ACQUIRING, OWNING, OPERATING, MAINTAINING, REPAIRING, IMPROVING, AND EXTENDING A WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, A WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM, WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR THE DISTRICT, REUSE FACILITIES, AND A DRAINAGE SYSTEM FOR THE DRAINAGE OF LANDS WITHIN THE DISTRICT, LEAD AND COPPER RULE: LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT, AND FOR PAYMENT OF FEES OR CHARGES TO ANY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY OR SIMILAR ENTITY FOR CHARGES OR CONTRIBUTIONS LAWFULLY LEVIED ON THE DISTRICT, AND TO ISSUE THE EQUIVALENT SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$7,000,000) IN BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING ANY OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE DISTRICT BY ANY MEANS NOW OR HEREAFTER AUTHORIZED BY LAW, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS AND ANY BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES BY THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A SUFFICIENT AD VALOREM TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT, ALL AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS?

The following Proposition(s) will appear on the ballots used in the election:

OFFICIAL BALLOT PROPOSITION A THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM **AMOUNT** OF **SEVEN MILLION** DOLLARS (\$7,000,000) **FOR** WATER, WASTEWATER, SANITARY SEWER, LEAD AND COPPER RULE: **FOR**) LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT, REUSE, AND **DRAINAGE SYSTEM FACILITIES** AND IMPROVEMENTS, THE **EQUIVALENT SEVEN** AGAINST) MILLION DOLLARS (\$7,000,000) FOR REFUNDING ANY OUTSTANDING BONDS, AND THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS

Section 2: Unless otherwise directed by the District, the Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two nor more than five resident qualified electors of the County to act as clerks to properly conduct the election. However, if the Presiding Judge appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall serve as one of the clerks. The appointment of such clerks must include a person fluent in the Spanish language to serve as a clerk to render oral aid in the Spanish language to any voter desiring such aid at the polls on the Election Day. In the absence of the Presiding Judge, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall perform the duties of the Presiding Judge.

Section 3: Early voting shall be administered by the County. Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on April 22, 2024, and conclude on April 30, 2024, and will be conducted at the Early Voting locations at the times specified in Exhibit "A" 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 polling place(s). Priscilla Rasbeary, the Trinity County Elections Administrator, is hereby appointed the Early Voting Clerk. The Early Voting Clerk's mailing address to which applications for ballots by mail may be sent, for voters residing in the District, is as follows: Priscilla Rasbeary, Elections Administrator, PO Box 158, Groveton, Texas 75845, Email: priscilla.rasbeary@co.trinity.tx.us, Fax: 936-642-0155. <a href="Exhibit "A" shall be modified to include additional or different early voting polling places as may be deemed appropriate by the County Judge and the County Clerk.

Section 4: The appointment of the Presiding Election Judges, Alternate Judges, Early Voting Clerks, the Presiding Judge of the early ballot board and other election officials for the Election shall be made by the Elections Administrator, in accordance with the Election Code. The Elections Administrator may employ other personnel 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 Presiding Election Judge shall appoint not less than two nor more than eighteen resident qualified electors to serve as members of the Early Voting Ballot Boards.

Section 5: Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall be addressed to: Priscilla Rasbeary, Elections Administrator, PO Box 158, Groveton, Texas 75845, Email: priscilla.rasbeary@co.trinity.tx.us, Fax: 936-642-0155 and must be received (not postmarked) by April 23, 2024, not later than the close of regular business or 12 noon, whichever is later. If application to vote by mail is made by personal delivery, the application must be delivered by 12 noon or the close of business, whichever is later, on April 23, 2024, to Priscilla Rasbeary. If an Application for Ballot by Mail is submitted by email or fax or if a Federal Post Card Application is submitted by fax, to be effective, the original application must also be physically submitted and be received not later than the fourth business day after it is received by email or fax.

Section 6: All qualified electors of and residing in the District shall be entitled to vote at the Election.

Section 7: The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION(s) with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language, including translations, as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION(s) to be expressed substantially as follows:

OFFICIAL BALLOT PROPOSITION A

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Section 8: In all respects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Election Code. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") and the Election 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 Election Code. The District hereby finds that the voting system to be used by the Elections Administrator in administering the Election is such a system, and orders that such voting equipment or other equipment certified by the Texas Secretary of State shall be used by the County in the Election.

<u>Section 9:</u> The following information is provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.009(b) of the Election Code:

- (a) The proposition language that will appear on the ballot, the purposes for which the bonds are to be authorized, and the principal amount of the bonds to be authorized, are set forth in this Order in section 7 hereof.
- (b) The purpose for which the debt obligations are to be authorized are set forth in Section 1 hereof.
- (c) The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is set forth in Sections 1 and 7 hereof.
- (d) If the bonds are authorized, taxes sufficient to pay the annual principal of and interest on the bonds may be imposed.
- (e) Based on the bond market conditions at the date of adoption of this Order, the bonds are to be sold at any price or prices and to bear interest at a rate currently estimated to be 4.99% and an estimated tax rate of \$0.4895. This estimate is for informational purposes only and should in no way be perceived as forming an agreement or binding contract between the District and the voters and/or any other entity, group, individual and/or party. Furthermore, the good faith interest rate estimate provided herein in no way limits the District's authority to issue bonds authorized pursuant to the authority granted by the voters at the election held pursuant to this Order.

- (f) As set forth in Section 1 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 40 years, or the maximum number of years allowed by law.
- (g) As of the date of this Order, the aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations as of the date of this Order is \$4,470,000.
- (h) As of the date of this Order, the aggregate amount of the outstanding interest on debt obligations of the District which are secured by ad valorem taxes is \$506,870.50.
- (i) The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District at the time the election is ordered, expressed as an amount per \$100 valuation of taxable property, is \$0.3551 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

Section 10: The District's engineer and the District's Board of Directors have estimated the following costs:

Estimated construction costs:

Water, Wastewater, Sanitary Sewer, Lead and Copper Rule: Lead Service Line Replacement, Reuse, and Drainage Improvements

Construction costs: Water, Wastewater, Sanitary Sewer Collection Systems, Lead & Copper Rule: Lead Service Line Replacement, Reuse, and Drainage, construction contingencies, investigation, plans, design, and engineering: \$6,107,445

Incidentals: Administrative expenses of issuing and selling bonds, including financial advisory and legal fees, interest on bonds during estimated construction period, discount on bonds, and operating costs during construction: \$892,555

Water, Wastewater, Sanitary Sewer, Lead and Copper Rule: Lead Service Line Replacement, Reuse, and Drainage Improvements total: \$7,000,000

Engineering reports and accompanying items explaining the above estimates of probable costs are on file in the District's office and meeting place and is open to inspection by the public.

<u>Section 11:</u> The provisions of this Order are severable; and in case any one or more of the provisions of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance should be held to be invalid, unconstitutional, or ineffective as to any person or circumstance, the remainder of this Order nevertheless shall be valid, and the application of any such invalid provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

<u>Section 12</u>: The Board of Directors may cancel the election if allowed in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

Section 13: The Trinity County Elections Administrator shall serve as the custodian of voted ballots and all other election records. The Trinity County Elections Administrator shall conduct an

unofficial tabulation of results after the closing of the polls on May 4, 2024. The official canvass and tabulation of results of the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Election Code.

<u>Section 14</u>: The President or Vice President and Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Board of Directors are hereby authorized and directed to take any action necessary to carry out the provisions of this order.

<u>Section 15</u>: In the event that the election results favorably for the propositions submitted, the Board shall thereafter be authorized to issue \$7,000,000 in bonds and \$7,000,000 in refunding bonds of the District for the provision of water, wastewater, sanitary sewer, lead and copper rule: lead service line replacement, reuse, and drainage facilities for the District, payable from taxes, on the terms and conditions described the Propositions voted in the election.

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APPROVED AND ADOPTED the 22nd day of January, 2024.

WESTWOOD SHORES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

<u>/s/ Joan Gallagher</u> President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

<u>/s/ John Wolf</u> Secretary, Board of Directors



Exhibit A

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 22, 2024, and ending on April 30, 2024.

Election day voting will be conducted between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 2024.

Early Voting by personal appearance and Election Day Voting will be conducted at the following location:

Westwood Shores Municipal Utility District 75 Cottonwood Road Trinity, Texas 75862