

# Llano County - Voter Information

## Local Elections on Saturday – May 4, 2024

### Get Ready to Vote in a Local Election in Texas!

Online Voter Guide for Llano County local elections: <http://www.lwvhillcountrytexas.org/>

Voters may read and print a guide for use when they go to vote.

Printed Voter Guides for Llano County are available at the three Llano County Libraries and other locations.

[VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) is a League website which provides the election information on the candidates: a voter enters the address on their Voter Registration card to access the information.

The Llano County Voter Guide is published by the League of Women Voters of the Hill Country Texas with information on candidates for elections for the following elections: Burnet CISD School Board, Johnson City ISD School Board, Llano ISD School Board, Llano City Council, Sunrise Beach Village City Council and Mayor, Kingsland Municipal Utility District Board, and Llano Municipal Utility District #1 Board.

Check your Voter Registration information using the state website: [VoteTexas.gov](http://VoteTexas.gov). Voter information can be updated at this website. The website cannot be used to register to vote in Texas.

#### Deadline Dates for Local Elections on Saturday – May 4, 2024

Register to Vote/Change Address	Thursday	April 4	Last day to register to vote
Voting by Mail	Monday	January 1	First day to apply for Mail in Ballot
	Tuesday	April 23	Last day to apply for Mail in Ballot
	Saturday	May 4	Last day to return Mail in Ballot
Early Voting	Monday	April 22	First day to vote in-person
	Tuesday	April 30	Last day to vote in-person
Election Day	Saturday	May 4	In-person at voting location



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## Election and Voting Information for Llano County

Sample ballots and other Information from the Llano County Election Department posted online:

<https://www.co.llano.tx.us/page/llano.Elections>

Take a photo ID with you to the voting location.

Curb-side voting is available for Early Voting and on Election Day.

Remember: no cell phones, no texting, no photos, no campaign material, no loitering

**Yellow voter registration card details the elections for the voter residence address.**

### EARLY VOTING: THREE LOCATIONS

Horseshoe Bay	City Office	1 Community Drive
Kingsland	Public Library	125 West Polk
Llano	Public Library	102 East Haynie

Sunday April 21	Monday April 22	Tuesday April 23	Wednesday April 24	Thursday April 25	Friday April 26	Saturday April 27
	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	

Sunday April 28	Monday April 29	Tuesday April 30	Wednesday May 1	Thursday May 2	Friday May 3	Saturday May 4
	8am-5pm	8am-5pm				Election Day

### ELECTION DAY: Saturday – May 4

Locations open 7:00am to 7:00pm

Voter must go to the precinct location on the yellow voter registration card.

Precinct #	Location	Address	City
101	Llano Ag Building	1447 State Highway 71 East	Llano
102	Blue Lake Golf Course	214 West Bluebonnet Road	Horseshoe Bay
108	Sunrise Beach - City Community Building	124 Sunrise Beach	Sunrise Beach
109	Horseshoe Bay – City Council Chambers	1 Community Drive	Horseshoe Bay
203	East Llano County Courthouse Annex	8347 RR 1431 West	Buchanan Dam
204	Lakeshore Public Library	7346 RR 261	Buchanan Dam
205	Tow Community Building	135 CR 2241	Tow
307	Kingsland Public Library	125 West Polk	Kingsland
410	Llano Public Library	102 East Haynie	Llano

## Burnet Consolidated ISD Board of Trustees

Place 2 and Place 4 and Place 5 (one year – unexpired term) and Place 6

Election conducted by Burnet County.

Please check your yellow voter registration card to see if you live in this school district.

1800 residents in Llano County are eligible to vote in this school district election.

Voters must go a location in Burnet County to vote.

### Early Voting Locations:

Burnet County AgriLife Auditorium      607 North Vanderveer Street      Burnet  
Texas Tech University at Highland Lakes      806 Steve Hawkins Parkway      Marble Falls

Sunday April 21	Monday April 22	Tuesday April 23	Wednesday April 24	Thursday April 25	Friday April 26	Saturday April 27
	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	7am-7pm	8am-5pm	

Sunday April 28	Monday April 29	Tuesday April 30	Wednesday May 1	Thursday May 2	Friday May 3	Saturday May 4
	7am-7pm	8am-5pm				Election Day

**Election Day: Saturday - May 4**

**Locations open 7:00am to 7:00pm**

Voter may go to any location listed below on Election Day.

	Location	Address	
Bertram	Bertram Community Center	304 South Gabriel Street	
Briggs	Briggs Community Center	215 Loop 308	
Burnet	Burnet County AgriLife	607 North Vanderveer Street	
	Silver Creek Community Center	101 CR 128	

The Burnet Consolidated ISD Board of Trustees consists of seven trustees elected by eligible voters to serve a three-year term. Each trustee serves as an at-large position for the term and represents the entire school district. Elections are held annually on the May uniform election date. Burnet Consolidated ISD boundaries are in Burnet County and Llano County.

Duties: adopt goals and priorities and monitor success; adopt policies and review for effectiveness; hire and evaluate the superintendent; adopt a budget and a calendar for the school year; set the tax rate; and communicate with the community.

### Place 2, BCISD Board of Trustees

**Angela Moore - Candidate is unopposed, so no questions were asked. Name is on the election ballot.**

### Place 4, BCISD Board of Trustees

**Ross Behrens - Candidate is unopposed, so no questions were asked. Name is on the election ballot.**

### Place 5, BCISD Board of Trustees (one year – unexpired term)

<b>Amber Cardenas</b>	<b>Katy Duke</b>
No response received.	Website: <a href="http://www.votekatyduke.com">www.votekatyduke.com</a>

What in your background qualifies you to serve as a member of the Burnet CISD Board of Trustees?

**Cardenas:** No response received.

**Duke:** I am a current BCISD School Board trustee and am passionate about and involved in our community and a big supporter of the district. We are a proud Bulldog family and have a son who attended BCISD schools K-12. I've served on numerous BCISD committees and organizations including: BCISD Board of Trustees, BCISD Strategic Planning Steering Committee, BCISD 2021 Bond Oversight Committee, BCISD District Advisory Committee, and Bertram Elementary Site Based Committee. I'm very involved in the Bertram community, serving as an officer with the Bertram Chamber of Commerce, Bertram Economic Development Corp, and on numerous festivals and Chamber committees.

**What are the most pressing issues facing the Burnet CISD school board?**

**Cardenas:** No response received.

**Duke:** Among the key issues facing BCISD today are the need for academic improvement; managing growth – planning for future needs for new schools and programs; employee sourcing and retention; changing demographics and special needs of students; fiscal responsibility and funding our programs with poor state support and a limited tax base; providing a safe learning environment for all students as well as staff; and behavior issues.

**What are citizens of Burnet telling you about their school board concerns?**

**Cardenas:** No response received.

**Duke:** Burnet CISD encompasses over 700 square miles and many different communities. Community members' concerns are as varied as the communities themselves. Common threads are school safety, academic growth/improvement, financial concerns – fiscal responsibility and the need to keep taxes low; and preparing for growth proactively. They have also told me that our new Superintendent needs to reflect the values of the community. I am proud to have been a part of selecting the best candidate for that crucial role. Community members feel that board members should be good strategic thinkers with experience and insight, and I meet those criteria.

**Place 6, BCISD Board of Trustees**

**David Bennett - Candidate is unopposed, so no questions were asked. Name is on the election ballot.**

**Johnson City ISD Board of Trustees : Place 1 and Place 2 and Place 3**

**Election conducted by Johnson City ISD**

**Please check your yellow voter registration card to see if you live in this school district.**

**Voters must go to Johnson City to vote.**

**Early Voting:** Blanco County Courthouse Annex - Hoppe Room 101 East Cypress Street Johnson City

Sunday April 21	Monday April 22	Tuesday April 23	Wednesday April 24	Thursday April 25	Friday April 26	Saturday April 27
	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	

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**Election Day: Saturday - May 4**

**Location open 7:00am to 7:00pm**

Voting location: Blanco County Courthouse Annex - Hoppe Room 101 East Cypress Street Johnson City

The Johnson City ISD Board of Trustees consists of seven trustees elected by eligible voters to serve a three-year term. Each trustee is elected at-large to serve in a numbered position and represents the entire school district. Elections are held annually on the May uniform election date. Johnson City ISD is located in Blanco County, and includes portions of Hays County, Llano County, and Travis County.

Duties: adopt goals and priorities and monitor success; adopt policies and review for effectiveness; hire and evaluate the superintendent; adopt a budget and a calendar for the school year; set the tax rate; and communicate with the community.

### Place 1, Johnson City ISD School Board

Joe Walker - Candidate is unopposed, so no questions were asked. Name is on the election ballot.

### Place 2, Johnson City ISD School Board

Brit Odiorne - Candidate is unopposed, so no questions were asked. Name is on the election ballot.

### Place 3, Johnson City ISD School Board

<b>Zach Johnson</b>	<b>Jayme Danz Roschetzky</b>
No response received.	Email: jaymedanz@gmail.com

#### What in your background qualifies you to serve as a member of the Johnson City ISD Board of Trustees?

**Johnson:** No response received.

**Roschetzky:** My extensive background as a community member will be invaluable in effectively serving the needs of JCISD. Being a JCISD alumni, provides firsthand knowledge of this school system and understanding of local issues, which enables me to effectively engage with stakeholders and represent their interests. Over 12 years of experience in HR, has equipped me with knowledge in personnel management, which will be instrumental in addressing staffing needs within our district. Strong communication skills developed through various experiences early on through school and extracurriculars, college and professional career, will enable me to effectively convey ideas, build consensus and foster transparency.

#### What are the most pressing issues facing the Johnson City school board?

**Johnson:** No response received.

**Roschetzky:** The biggest issues facing JCISD are: overcrowding in the elementary school, which not only strains resources but also compromises the quality of education, the current middle school construction project which demands careful management to ensure timely completion and minimal disruption to students' learning experiences, and addressing staffing needs across JCISD which are crucial for maintaining a high standard of education. Recruiting and retaining qualified teachers and staff are important to fostering a supportive learning environment.

#### What are citizens and parents telling you about their school district concerns?

**Johnson:** No response received.

**Roschetzky:** Construction of the new middle school and staying within budget is a topic of concern. Another concern is the need to assure that any student struggling has the necessary resources available to help them without jeopardizing other students' learning. Teachers, administration, and parents working collectively toward a common goal with clear communication is essential to a child's education, which will ensure that all students are receiving the best possible education.

## Llano ISD Board of Trustees: Place 1 and Place 5

### Election conducted by the Llano County Election Department.

The Llano ISD Board of Trustees consists of seven trustees elected by eligible voters to serve a three-year term. Each trustee is elected by place number and represents the entire school district. Elections are held in May.

Duties: adopt goals and priorities and monitor success; adopt policies and review for effectiveness; hire and evaluate the superintendent; adopt a budget and a calendar for the school year; set the tax rate; and communicate with the community.

### Place 1, Llano ISD School

<b>Pamela Huston</b>	<b>Rob Wilson</b>
No response received.	Facebook: Rob Wilson for Llano School Board

#### What in your background qualifies you to serve as a member of the Llano ISD Board of Trustees?

**Huston:** No response received.

**Wilson:** 15 years ago, while pushing my triplets around my neighborhood in a stroller, I realized how important a rich, full educational experience can be for my children and for their friends. Time spent as an elementary school mentor, a youth group volunteer, and an attorney for foster children and for CPS, I have seen the difference that a stable, loving adult can make in our kids' lives. As a three-term school board member, I know the impact that a quality education can have on our students, this is what I am committed to giving them.

### **What are the most pressing issues facing the Llano school board?**

**Huston:** No response received.

**Wilson:** Llano ISD is an impressive school district with brilliant students. Our students first succeed in school, then go on to succeed in the workplace or college, and in life. But it takes work to sustain success like ours. Starting new career programs, creating a mental health department for today's unequivocal needs, or expanding facilities for our growing population, we can always look for ways to enhance and enrich the school experience for our students. Our students in Llano ISD deserve the best we can give them. It's School Board Members' job to make that happen.

### **What are citizens of Llano telling you about their school board concerns?**

**Huston:** No response received.

**Wilson:** Parents are more than satisfied with their students' school experience. They tell me about their child's favorite teacher or how much they like their principal. They tell me something their child just learned or their child's favorite book. They tell me about their child's accomplishments in sports or an award they won in extracurriculars. Our students are thriving – and their parents want it to stay that way. Each of us wants our students to have an outstanding education full of opportunity and encouragement, with shoulders to stand on as they reach for whatever their futures hold. Together, we've created this.

### **Place 5, Llano ISD School Board**

<b>Dean Campbell</b>	<b>Reed Norman</b>	<b>Penny Wimberly</b>
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### **What in your background qualifies you to serve as a member of the Llano ISD Board of Trustees?**

**Campbell:** I graduated from The University of Texas in 1972 with a degree in business. As a coach for the next 45 years, I worked with high school and college students and their families. I recruited and coached football at the Division 1 Level for 38 years and was a Head Coach at the high school level for seven years. My wife is a retired teacher, my daughter is a teacher and my son is a teacher and a coach. I have served on the Llano ISD Board of Trustees for six years.

**Norman:** With over a decade of experience as an elected official on the Marble Falls City Council, my mission has always been to prioritize constituent needs above staff preferences, while also upholding both constitutional tenets & principles from Robert's Rule Of Order. I was an owner and operator of two prosperous businesses in the Hill Country and staffing and equipping my employees while also setting budgets and obtainable goals without increasing any debt was paramount.

**Wimberly:** My experiences as a foster parent, a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for foster children, and a substitute teacher uniquely qualify me to serve on the Llano ISD Board. I have been advocating for children for 2 decades and in Llano County for nearly a decade. With 43% of LISD students classified as at-risk, I will advocate to strengthen programs and resources for struggling students to help them reach their full potential. I was that at-risk student and was blessed to be surrounded by a supporting community. Together, we can make a positive difference in the lives of our students.

### **What are the most pressing issues facing the Llano ISD school board?**

**Campbell:** Hiring and retaining the best teachers and administrators available is always an important issue. As a district we need better salaries for all our employees. Our community needs to try to create affordable housing opportunities in an area where there are few apartments and very high price tags on homes. We need to create incentives for teachers to stay in our district beyond the minimum for full retirement. Community support for bond elections is essential to provide our students with the best and safest facilities in the state.

**Norman:** From personal observation in recent School Board Meetings, there seems to be a disconnect when it comes to listening important issues to parents and citizens. Right now, folks may only speak on what's on the current agenda. They feel dismissed and unheard. We need to create a board with full transparency. Secondly, income ranges for teachers versus senior staff salaries are very lopsided. Our educators and school staff deserve to be paid for the indispensable instruction that they provide to our students.

**Wimberly:** One of the most pressing issues facing the Llano ISD School Board is the challenge of teacher shortages. This shortage not only impacts our students, but also puts additional strain on current teachers and affects student outcomes. Addressing this issue requires innovative strategies such as offering competitive salaries, providing relevant support and training, and fostering a supportive work environment to attract and retain talented teachers. Recruiting and retaining qualified teachers is essential to maintaining high educational standards and providing students with the support they need to succeed.



### **What are citizens of Llano telling you about their school board concerns?**

**Campbell:** Our citizens want what's best for our students. They want outstanding teachers who care for each student. They want coaches who know how to develop their athletes to be competitive while also teaching them the value of being part of a team. They want a wide variety of extracurricular activities that will broaden their school experience. They want counselors who will help lay out a path to gain admission to schools of their choice or a path to a certain career field. Certainly, they want each student taught discipline and respect for every person on campus.

**Norman:** Citizens of Llano County feel that there is lack of empathy, solution solving, compromise, and space for parental input when it comes to questions or concerns that they have for the Board. They want the Board to be more approachable and engaged in the community. They want to know how our taxes are being budgeted. They demand fair and balanced discipline and treatment to all students regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, popularity, or social class.

**Wimberly:** The citizens of Llano County are voicing concerns about a lack of transparency from the school board, especially following the recent passage of the \$37 million bond. Taxpayers want to stay informed of the status of expenditures and projects. Many taxpayers feel disconnected from the board's actions and desire more opportunities for community involvement and input, particularly regarding board policies. Citizens seek clearer communication and greater openness with agendas, minutes and proposed policy changes. Enhancing transparency can build trust and foster a sense of accountability between the school board and the community it serves, ensuring responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

### **Llano City Council – 3 places**

**Election conducted by the Llano County Election Department.**

#### **Llano City Council – 3 places**

Llano is a General Law (Type A) city with an elected city council and mayor form of government. The five members of the city council are elected at large, and each council member represents all residents within the city limits of Llano. The term of office is two years.

Duties: appoint the city manager; oversee the city manager and the direction of the city; approve the city budget and the tax rate; set salaries and benefits of city employees; pass ordinances and resolutions; appoint members to advisory boards. The term of office is two years.

The election is for three positions, and the three candidates with the highest number of votes will be declared as elected.

<b>Shaden Allen</b>	<b>Laura Almond</b>	<b>Melissa Bangus</b>
Facebook: Shaden Allen for City Council	Email: laura.almond@yahoo.com	No response received.
<b>Julie Ireland</b>	<b>Les McDaniel</b>	<b>Kelli Tudyk</b>
Email: julieireland4llano@gmail.com	Email: lesmcldtx@gmail.com	No response received.

### **What in your background qualifies you to serve as a member of the Llano City Council?**

**Allen:** I am born and raised Llano resident, raising future productive and respectful citizens. My qualifications are that as a member of society and a caring mother.

**Almond:** I am currently running for my 3<sup>rd</sup> term as a council member. In these last 4 years I have learned a great deal about how the city works and the requirements for serving our citizens. I retired from a 29-year career as a public school educator, which gave me great experience with thinking quickly, problem solving and accommodating the needs of a variety of audiences. I currently own a resale/retail store in Llano and understand firsthand what concerns small businesses. Before running for council I served on Main Street board, my last year as president.

**Bangus:** No response received.

**Ireland:** I held been in leadership roles for most my life. For 16 years I was the Health and Safety Director of a 13 acre, 121,000 sq. ft. health and social club with 3,000 members served by 279 employees. My position there included training staff in policies and procedures, maintaining our first response team, overseeing the Children's, Maintenance and Aquatics staff while adhering to local and state codes. My experience includes Golf Courses, local airport, small local and major retailers. My volunteer roles include 4 H horse and Girl Scout leader, Young Life youth camps, Rodeo Bible camp and local Food Bank.

**McDaniel:** My 20 years in a supervisory or managerial role in industrial minerals mining has developed my ability to analyze people and systems to understand what's working well and where there needs to be improvement. I have been involved in many stressful situations during my career and have shown the ability to remain calm and help lead my teams through them. These are attributes that along with an understanding of rural city dynamics that I believe qualify me to sit on the Llano City Council.

**Tudyk:** No response received.

**What are the most pressing issues facing the Llano City Council?**

**Allen:** The growth and prosperity of our community and school.

**Almond:** We always have the water issue. Thankfully the recent dredging project went a long way towards helping us retain more water at our primary lake. Adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> dam along with a second water crossing would be ideal and I hope to be among those who make that happen. Our infrastructure needs work. We are way behind with replacing our water pipes and sewer lines. Llano is an amazing little city that has so much to offer tourists, old-timers and newcomers. I have a positive nature and I think most people appreciate that.

**Bangus:** No response received.

**Ireland:** As an active member of the Llano Planning and Zoning Board I see many issues aligning to the current rules on safety in respect to modern codes while managing an aging infrastructure. Respect for the history and culture of small town charm, yet modernizing to accommodate safety, local trade, and beautification.

**McDaniel:** I believe the most pressing issue for the City of Llano is the on-going population growth as people push outward from larger cities seeking the quieter small-town life. As that happens, we have to make sure we're putting Llano in the best possible position to deal with that in regard to general infrastructure such as utilities (water/electricity), roads, as well as zoning plans for residential and commercial expansion.

**Tudyk:** No response received.

**What are the citizens of Llano telling you about their city council concerns?**

**Allen:** One concern that I have heard is trying to find the balance between preserving the beautiful small-town and historical vibe Llano and also helping Llano grow.

**Almond:** Recently we have had a divisive force running through our community which is not what is best for Llano. I personally have no problem calling out citizens or groups that are a part of working together for the good of Llano. I firmly believe that we all can get along even if we don't agree on every issue. I feel like we could do a better job of clearly communicating with the public. Most citizens are overall happy with how we are doing, but would like more clarity with information.

**Bangus:** No response received.

**Ireland:** Productive, economic use of property taxes to improve aging infrastructure from roads, water, waste water, parks and city owned properties seems to be a concern. I am in-tuned with the citizens of Llano as I serve the community at the Library, Food Bank and helping with the churches the heartbeat of the community.

**McDaniel:** The primary concerns I'm hearing about are water and roads. How is the water system being maintained? Plans to improve water storage to combat low river flow. Plans to continue to improve street conditions (repair potholes/new roads). High property tax/real estate costs (not much Llano City Council can do about those).

**Tudyk:** No response received.



## **Sunrise Beach Village: Mayor and City Council**

**Election conducted by the Llano County Election Department**

### **Mayor**

The City of Sunrise Beach Village is a General Law (Type A) city with an elected city council and mayor form of government. The five members of the city council are elected at large, and each council member represents all residents within the city limits of Llano. The term of office is two years.

Duties: presides over the meetings of the city council; recognized as the head of city government for all ceremonial purposes; acts as the chief executive officer of the city; ensures that the laws and ordinances of the city are properly carried out; monitors the conduct of each subordinate municipal officer; informs the city council and recommends any measure that relates to improving the finances, police, health, security, cleanliness, comfort, ornament, or good government of the city; charged with emergency powers to preserve the peace and good order of the city.

<b>Rob Hardy</b>	<b>John Schwin</b>
Website: <a href="https://robhardy.vote">https://robhardy.vote</a>	Website: <a href="http://www.schwinformayor.com">www.schwinformayor.com</a>

### **What in your background qualifies you to serve as Mayor of the City of Sunrise Beach Village?**

**Hardy:** 35+ years of C-suite experience, managing complex health care organizations  
Lifetime Texas – University of Texas and Texas State University graduate  
Lifetime of service – Former Paramedic and District Commander – Austin EMS, Rotary Club member and President (Georgetown), Georgetown Convention and Visitor's Bureau Chairman, Board Member – Williamson County and Cities Health Department, Commissioner – Williamson County ESD 8, Board Chairman – Federated Church of Sunrise Beach, City Councilman – City of Sunrise Beach, First Responder – Sunrise Beach VFD

**Schwin:** Bachelor's degree in engineering and master's degree in business administration. Forty years of experience in engineering, sales, and business leadership, running companies with budgets up to \$150MM. Ten years of public service experience leading the \$7MM Fort Bend County Emergency Services District #2. Eighteen months on the city's Planning & Zoning Commission. Two years of experience on Sunrise Beach City Council, leading the charge to solve the city's biggest problems. Instrumental in securing city-wide trash & recycling contract, updating the P&Z ordinance, focusing the council on the city's water, and bringing investment returns of \$100K annually to the city.

### **What are the most pressing issues facing the Mayor of Sunrise Beach Village?**

**Hardy:** Water infrastructure, road maintenance, parks maintenance, and most importantly, preserving the Hill Country character of our beautiful community. Water, and the facilities and staff required for its provision, are an ongoing issue that require constant vigilance and attention by City leadership. We have gone from around 20 ongoing building permits at any given time to 3-4 times that number. This requires well trained city staff that are responsive not just to folks who are building/improving their homes, but also longtime residents. A comprehensive master plan, based on community involvement, comment, and feedback, will help leadership plan for the future.

**Schwin:** The biggest issues facing Sunrise Beach can be summed up in one word – Water! Currently, our municipal water system does not meet the minimum requirements established by TCEQ for a public water system. In addition, the city's supply and distribution lines consist of piping of various sizes, materials, and ages. Locations of buried lines are approximate and are typically "field-discoverable" during the process of leak detection and repair. Due to aging pipelines and connections, the city is experiencing increased failures and loss of processed water. While there are other civic issues to address, water is of the utmost priority!

### **What are the citizens of Sunrise Beach Village telling you about their city council concerns?**

**Hardy:** As mentioned before, water infrastructure, road maintenance, and the careful planning for our beautiful parks are the constant discussions. Preserving the quality of life, as well as planning for the future, are always mentioned as top concerns. Finally, making our numerous laws and ordinances easily understood and realistic is a non-negotiable issue. Our rules must make sense, and always keep uppermost the concept that all rules must be constantly evaluated as to their applicability and fairness.

**Schwin:** Our citizens are concerned about the lack of transparency and open government surrounding our council meetings, deliberations, and decisions. Many citizens have requested more accessible meeting times and/or live streaming of the council proceedings. In addition, they are seeking broader representation of the council to ensure that all viewpoints are presented and openly discussed. There is also frequent mention of the condition of our parks and the need to capitalize on these waterfront gems. I plan to address this concern with a citizen-led committee to develop ideas and plans for public review.

## City Council – 2 places

The City of Sunrise Beach Village is a General Law (Type A) city with an elected city council and mayor form of government. The five members of the city council are elected at large, and each council member represents all residents within the city limits of Llano. The term of office is two years.

Duties: appoint the city manager; oversee the city manager and the direction of the city; approve the city budget and the tax rate; set salaries and benefits of city employees; pass ordinances and resolutions; appoint members to advisory boards.

The election is for two places The candidate with the highest number of votes will be declared as elected.

<b>Jeffrey Cook</b>	<b>Frank Donnell</b>	<b>Daniel Gower</b>
Email: jeff.cook07@gmail.com	Email: metalmann196345@yahoo.com	Facebook: Daniel Gower

### **What in your background qualifies you to serve as a member of the City Council for Sunrise Beach Village?**

**Cook:** I had the privilege of serving as a member of the Sunrise Beach Village City Council in 2021 & 2022. I have also served on the City's Planning and Zoning Commission as well as the Firewise Committee. I have experience in writing both an ordinance and a resolution for the city. With the time I have spent in these positions, I can join the Council and be able to contribute on day one.

**Donnell:** I am a 25 year retired career Firefighter/Paramedic, and have worked in City, County, and ESD systems. During my time as a Firefighter, I was a member of the International Association of Fire Fighters, we worked closely with the city council. Fire, Police, and EMS personnel are considered public servants. My belief is that city council members are also public servants as they are representatives of the citizens of the city. With my time as a public servant, I feel I have the experience to do what the citizens want to keep their city safe and running smoothly.

**Gower:** I have served on the City Council for 10 years now serving three mayors. I am deliberate in my decision making and a critical thinker. I understand how municipal budgets and funding work and have a track record of interactive and cooperative development of budgets. Thirty-nine years serving in the Department of Defense and fourteen as a volunteer firefighter are clear demonstrations of my willingness to serve others. Ninety-six months in command of Army units from platoon to MASH hospital and thirty months as fire chief have demonstrated selfless leadership enabling others to excel.

### **What are the most pressing issues facing the Sunrise Beach Village City Council?**

**Cook:** The most pressing issue facing the Council presently is improving our infrastructure. Our water system needs an upgrade. The latest report from our water department is that our well is sound, but it is the delivery system that needs attention. This will be a long-term project and infrastructure improvements are expensive. The City has already taken steps toward addressing this issue and the Council will need to work together to search for funding sources, such as grants, low interest, or no interest loans to complete the project over a long period of time.

**Donnell:** The water system for the City of Sunrise Beach has been neglected and had band aid repairs for years. The system is at the point where important components are in need of serious repair and or failing. The more and longer you quick fix the more its going to cost to fix it correctly. Also, keeping the city, the city we all fell in love with and the reason the majority of us moved here by keeping the big city bureaucracy out of our city.

**Gower:** Inflation eats away our limited tax-base funds. The State limits increases in property taxes, yet we must still support our great city employees and repair roads and our aging water system. Operating within the statutory limits imposed on municipalities for taxation in the face of rising costs is our greatest challenge. We must improve our water system and then consider road redesign and improvements. City parks are key and essential to the character of our city and are in need of some changes and added capabilities. Keeping our citizens informed so that they trust in our efforts is another challenge.

### **What are the citizens of Sunrise Beach Village telling you about their city council concerns?**

**Cook:** While walking the streets and knocking on doors meeting citizens, a couple of concerns were raised. Transparency is one issue that was raised more than once. The citizens would like to see monthly budget reports posted on the City website. Although these are presented at the monthly council meetings and available to the public, not everyone can attend.

**Donnell:** What I've been hearing from the citizens is that they understand growth is here and there will be more in the future. What concerns the citizens is that they do not want council to ignore what they have to say and start going overboard with rules and regulations (ordinances). The citizens want to keep our community safe, quiet, and the neighborly community where we know and are close with our neighbors and not just a place to exist.

**Gower:** The messages are clear – roads, parks, and water. Secondary to these infrastructure concerns is ability to attend city council meetings and to understand the city’s ordinances. These past two years has seen some remarkable upgrades to the city’s website and soon the city’s ordinances will be made searchable in their totality on the website. That’s not an inexpensive task. Live streaming city council meetings is important to a few and I hope we can start that soon as well. I also hear that citizens want their city employees empowered to do their jobs without being bullied.

## **Kingsland Municipal Utility District: Board of Directors**

**Election conducted by the Llano County Election Department.**

KMUD is a Municipal Utility District (MUD) form of government that was created on December 27, 1972, under the authority, conditions, and restrictions of Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution. Kingsland MUD was created to provide sewer services for communities within the district's boundaries. Five board members are elected to provide oversight of a District's business. KMUD currently provides sewer collection and treatment, septic system waste treatment, brush grinding, and recycling services. MUDs have the authority to levy rates and taxes to construct, purchase, and operate facilities for the District's legally defined services. Other functions MUDs can provide include water, wastewater, storm-water control, garbage collection, road maintenance, parks, fire protection, and police services if authorized by the District's voters.

Duties of the Board: manage and control all of the affairs of the MUD by establishing policies in the interest of its residents and utility customers by continually reviewing financial and operational policies, procedures, budgets, investments, ad valorem taxes, and utility fees to ensure continuity and quality of district services and, maintain and operate facilities and infrastructure to provide those services.

### **Place 1**

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### **What in your background qualifies you to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the Kingsland Municipal Utility District?**

**Caropepe:** As a lifelong member of Kingsland, I've witnessed its evolution firsthand. Engaging with hundreds of residents weekly as a third-generation insurance agent and owner of Wave Chasers Boat Rentals, I understand their needs intimately. My family's deep roots, with my wife as Packsaddle's Principal and our daughters attending, reflect our commitment to community service. Across generations, we've dedicated ourselves to serving our community. I aim to leverage my leadership skills to guide strategic decisions, foster accountability, and preserve Kingsland's traditions while ensuring its continued prosperity.

**Travers:** I am a 25-year resident of Kingsland, and currently a KMUD Director Place 1 serving as Board Secretary/Treasurer. I am a highly active and engaged member of this Board, and proudly serve the KMUD District alongside my fellow Board Members Ken Back, Dianne Wolfington, Kim Delz, Jared Fields, and GM J. Horry. I have a strong background in Finance, Project Management, Strategic Planning, and Operations and have managed teams large and small throughout my professional career.

**Young:** 40 years experience in utility construction with emphasis on transportation and distribution of water, waste water, storm water, TCEQ guidelines, construction management, material purchase, budgeting, equipment and the safety and management of employees.

### **What are the most pressing issues facing the Board of Directors for Kingsland MUD?**

**Caropepe:** In my assessment, the Board faces several challenges, notably the ongoing Capital Expansion Project. KMUD septage plant is operating at its maximum 10,000-gallon per day capacity and urgently requires modernization to accommodate the community's growth. As Kingsland experiences burgeoning population dynamics, the district is confronted with infrastructure strains and the imperative to adapt to evolving demands. A paramount concern is the development of a new septage site to effectively double capacity, addressing current limitations and facilitating future expansion. Concurrently, capital improvement projects for existing infrastructure and annexation petitions demand immediate attention, underscoring the complexity and urgency of the Board's agenda.

**Travers:** KMUD is facing unprecedented growth, bringing both opportunity and challenges. Turnover in the past 24 months has resulted in a new KMUD Board with solid experience and credentials. This Board enjoys a great working relationship with KMUD GM J. Horry and has come together to address the future with concrete plans, experienced insights, and a strong commitment to keep KMUD aligned with the future – before the future gets here. A vote for me in this election is a vote to keep this team and our momentum working for the long-term management and financing of Kingsland’s infrastructure needs.

**Young:** KMUD growth and keeping ahead of the changing environmental demand. Listening to the community and responding. Meeting employee’s s needs and concerns.

**What are the residents who receive the services of Kingsland MUD telling you about their concerns?**

**Caropepe:** Kingsland MUD delivers a suite of invaluable services to residents, many of which are provided at no cost or a nominal fee. These encompass essential services such as recycling, septic tank and RV dumping, and brush disposal. Additionally, the operation of community assets including the Kingsland Community Center and baseball fields enhances quality of life and recreational opportunities for residents. Through my interactions with the community, residents greatly value and rely upon these services, expressing dedicated support for their continued provision and future maintenance to help current and forthcoming generations of Kingsland residents.

**Travers:** Residents are concerned about 3 things: Growth, Affordability, and Community Services. Growth must be planned for and managed so that plant, equipment, and services remain matched to community needs. Investments in the future must be made consistently to avoid playing “catch-up” later which always ends up more expensive. We will continue investing in community services such as the ball fields and community center. With a strong Board in place, working with a strong General Manager at KMUD, we are delivering on these priorities at the lowest cost/highest value in today’s economy.

**Young:** Residents have discussed the negative treatment by certain employees. Street cut repairs putting back into the community.

**Place 2**

**Dianne Wolfington - Candidate is unopposed, so no questions were asked. Name is on the election ballot.**

**Llano County Municipal Utility District #1: Board of Directors – 2 places**

**Election conducted by the Llano County Election Department.**

The Llano County Municipal Utility District #1 is a state governmental entity that provides water, sewer, and residential trash removal services to the community of Blue Lake Estates and out of District sewer services to the communities of Deerhaven, Sandy Harbor, and The Trails of Horseshoe Bay . LCMUD #1 is subject to the rules and regulations of the Texas Water Code Chapters 49 & 54, and is overseen by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for water quality as provided by the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 290. A five member Board of Directors governs operations with each member serving a term of four years. Elections are conducted in May of even numbered years.

Duties of the Board: manage and control all of the affairs of the MUD by establishing policies in the interest of its residents and utility customers by continually reviewing financial and operational policies, procedures, budgets, investments, ad valorem taxes, and utility fees to ensure continuity and quality of district services and, maintain and operate facilities and infrastructure to provide those services.

The election is for two positions, and the two candidates with the highest number of votes will be declared as elected.

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**What in your background qualifies you to serve as a member of the Llano County Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors?**

**Bragg:** I’ve attended the regular meetings of the Board for the past two-plus years, watching my neighbors on the board work for the betterment of Blue Lake and the other areas covered by the MUD. Plus, I worked for the Texas Legislature for more than 30 years reading and writing bills, attending committee meetings and meeting with constituents and lobbyists.

**Luce:** My career spans 30 years of finance, risk analysis, project management, and face-to-face interactions with communities in need. As a program manager for catastrophe claims and risk analyst for litigated matters, I understand fiscal responsibility, project management, risk assessment, the necessity of stable infrastructure, and all the while taking into consideration the personal impact of each.

**Stewart:** I have resided in Blue Lake for 22+ years and involved in community projects and activities, including POA and MUD Board membership, the entire time. A 30-year military career, plus a 10-year Foreign Military Service Job overseas, help to qualify me to be a member of any community board. In my background are number of years' experience overseeing the construction of streets and roads as a quality control official representing the engineering firm in charge of the particular project. One of the MUD Boards major responsibilities is streets and any board member's experience in this area is a valuable asset.

#### **What are the most pressing issues facing the Board of Directors for Llano County MUD #1?**

**Bragg:** The most pressing issues facing the MUD Board are the maintenance of the streets, provision of clean water and wastewater services at a reasonable rate.

**Luce:** Longevity of water resources, county watershed, Blue Lake road improvements, signage, aging infrastructure, completion of approved projects, and empowering community involvement.

**Stewart:** The two most pressing issues the Board of Directors of Llano County MUD#1 face at this time are (a) An aging water plant that requires major update and modification soon, and (b) streets requiring seal-coating and some repairs, a normal result from traffic wear and tear for streets constructed new seven years ago.

#### **What are the residents who receive the services of Llano County MUD #1 telling you about their concerns?**

**Bragg:** My friends and neighbors don't seem to have many concerns, which tells me they aren't informed about the activities of the MUD board. The July 4<sup>th</sup> boil water notice of 2022 got everyone's attention, but interest faded when the all-clear was given. The members of the board were genuinely concerned and have required increased monitoring and reporting since that incident.

**Luce:** The concerns I have heard resolve around current and future water source management, delays regarding resealing and repaving streets, signage, light pollution, and concerns of an aging infrastructure. There are concerns of sustainability and the foresight needed to plan for the next decades and underground fiber optics.

**Stewart:** The residents who receive the services of Llano County MUD #1 have expressed no new concerns other than those mentioned above and normal day-to-day activity.

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