## ORDER CALLING DIRECTORS ELECTION FOR LAJITAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors now must call an election to elect two (2) directors of the District on the regular directors election date; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAJITAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. I THAT:

Section 1: An election shall be held for the District between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the 3rd day of May 2025 in Brewster County, Texas, at the location(s) designated by Brewster County in the event the election is not cancelled as permitted by law. At said election, there shall be submitted to the duly qualified resident electors of the District the matter of electing two (2) directors.

Section 2: The District is composed of one election precinct as established by Brewster County. The polling place for each such election precinct will be the polling place established by Brewster County and the Board of Directors of the District hereby appoints the Brewster County election officials as officers of the election in the event the election is not cancelled as permitted by law.

Early voting in the election by personal appearance shall occur on each day from April 22, 2025 through April 29, 2025, at the dates and times listed on **Exhibit A.** The early voting clerk shall keep the early voting location open between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on each day for early voting at the locations shown on **Exhibit A.** Early voting locations can also be found at https://www.brewstercounty.gov/page/elections.information. Lora Nussbaum is the Early Voting Clerk. Applications for ballots by mail for voters in Brewster County should be sent to Brewster County Elections Department, 107 W. Ave. E, #3, Alpine, Texas 79830. Additional contact information for the Early Voting Clerk is provided below:

Phone Number: (432) 837-6230

Email Address: election.admin@co.brewster.tx.us

Website: https://www.brewstercounty.gov/page/elections.information

Section 3: Written application to have a person's name printed on the ballot as a candidate for the office of director of the District, signed by the candidate must be received by the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District not later than 5 p.m. on February 14, 2025. No person's name shall be placed on the ballot unless he or she is at least eighteen (18) years of age, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Texas, either owns land subject to taxation in the District or is a qualified voter within the District, and otherwise satisfies the qualifications for holding a public office contained in the Texas Election Code. No person who is disqualified by the laws of the State of Texas from serving as a director of this District shall have his or her name placed on the ballot. The Secretary is authorized to determine the qualifications of candidates for office. If the Secretary determines that an applicant is not qualified, it shall give written notice to the applicant of the reason for the rejection. Blank

applications and copies of this order may be obtained from the District's Attorney, Geoffrey P. Kirshbaum, Terrill & Waldrop, 810 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701 or from Cyndi Ferris, Legal Assistant, at cferris@terrillwaldrop.com. Geoffrey P. Kirshbaum is hereby appointed as the District's agent to perform various election duties for the election, including maintaining in such agent's office at Terrill & Waldrop, 810 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701, the documents, records, and other papers relating to the election that by law are placed in the custody of the Board of Directors and that are public information. The agent shall receive any personally delivered document relating to the election that the Board of Directors is authorized or required to receive and shall make available for inspection and copying, in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations, the documents, records, and other papers that are required to be maintained in the agent's office and may perform any other ministerial duties in connection with the election that may lawfully be performed by an employee of the District.

Declarations of write-in candidacy must be received by 5 p.m. on February 18, 2025.

Section 4: When the number of candidates to appear on the ballot exceeds the number of offices to be filled, the order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing to be conducted by the Secretary. The Secretary shall post notice within the District, at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time at which the drawing is to be held, of the time and place of the drawing, and shall also mail notice of the date, hour, and place of the drawing to each candidate, at the address stated on the candidate's application for a place on the ballot, not later than the fourth day before the day of the drawing. Each candidate involved in the drawing or a representative designated by the candidate shall have a right to be present and observe the drawing.

Pursuant to Section 49.103(h), Texas Water Code, the Secretary, upon receipt of certification that each candidate whose name is to appear on the ballot is unopposed, is authorized to post notice that the election is not to be held at the polling place that would have been used at the election. The notice of cancellation shall be posted on or before April 22, 2025.

Section 5: Voting shall be by the use of direct recording electronic system. The ballots used in the election shall have printed thereon the names of the candidates for the office of director and two (2) blank spaces for write-in votes. The voter may vote for none (0), one (1) or two (2) persons for director by placing an "X" in the square beside the person's name or by writing the name or names of a person or persons in the blank spaces provided. Oral assistance in Spanish shall be made available to all persons requiring such assistance. Any person requiring oral assistance in Spanish should contact the presiding judge or early voting clerk.

Section 6: The Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to cause notice of the election to be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board of Directors on or before April 12, 2025. In the event the election is cancelled, no posting or publication of the notice is required.

Section 7: The election shall be held and conducted and returns made to this Board of Directors in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as modified by Chapters 49 and 54, Texas Water Code.

<u>Section 8</u>: The rate of pay for judges and clerks of the election shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the District, in compliance with the Texas Election Code.

Section 9: The President and Secretary are authorized and directed to take any action necessary to carry out the provisions of this order.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 6th day of February 2025.

President, Board of Directors

Secretary, Board of Directors

(SEALINICE NO. 1 or of ster County)

## EXHIBIT A

## **Early Voting Locations**