

Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District
Candidate Requirements

Internet Posting for Political Subdivision
Regular Election Date: November 5, 2024
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Elected Officers and Term Expiration:

<u>Elected Director</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
McGuairt, Jerry	Precinct 1	11-05-2024
Groth, Janet	Precinct 1	11-03-2026
Boinpally, Puja	Precinct 2	11-05-2024
Gonzalez, M. R.	Precinct 2	11-03-2026
Blackwelder, Weldon	Precinct 3	11-05-2024
Drgac, Larry	Precinct 3	11-03-2026
Cooper, Ronald	Precinct 4	11-05-2024
Mandujano, Alvaro Jr.	Precinct 4	11-03-2026
Cardwell, Vanessa	City of Fort Stockton	11-05-2026
Sims, Jeff	City of Iraan	11-05-2026
Childs, Allan Jr.	At Large	11-05-2024

Date of Next Officer Election: November 05, 2024

Location of Next Officer Election:

Notice of Voting Locations to be posted as required for all Pecos County locations: Fort Stockton/Precincts 1 & 2 & 7 & 10. Iraan Senior Citizen Center/Precinct 4 & 5; Imperial Community Center/Precinct 6 & 9; Sheffield Community Center/Precinct 3.

Location to File Candidate Application:

The MIDDLE PECOS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT will accept applications for the regular election to be held on November 5, 2024, for five positions on the board of directors. Application can be made for the following positions for the General Election: Precinct 1, Precinct 2, Precinct 3, Precinct 4, and At Large. Each position is for a four-year term. Applications accepted on behalf of the Secretary of the Board at the MIDDLE PECOS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT office located at 405 North Spring Drive in Fort Stockton, Texas, during regular business hours which are Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm, closed at noon.

Candidate Application Filing Dates:

The application may be filed between July 20, 2024, through the deadline to file an application, which is August 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the office of Middle Pecos GCD. Applications can be requested and/or submitted by mail @ P. O. Box 1644 Fort Stockton, TX, 79735 or at our office located at 405 North Spring Drive, Fort Stockton, TX, 79735, or by email to mpgcd@mpgcd.org. Applications are available on the web at <https://www.sos.texas.gov/elections/forms/pol-sub/index.shtml#chapter-2>. For more details call: 432-336-0698.

Candidate Eligibility Requirements:

Reference Point 1

Election Code – Title 9 Candidates CHAPTER 144. CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OTHER THAN COUNTY OR CITY

Web link: <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/EL/htm/EL.144.htm>

Sec. 144.001. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. This chapter applies to a candidate for an office of a political subdivision other than a city or county. Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 211, Sec. 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986.

Sec. 144.002. INDEPENDENT CANDIDACY REQUIRED. A candidate's name may appear on the ballot only as an independent. Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 211, Sec. 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986.

Sec. 144.003. APPLICATION REQUIRED. (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, to be entitled to a place on the ballot, a candidate must make an application for a place on the ballot.

(b) If a law outside this code purports to prescribe the exclusive requirements that a candidate's application must satisfy for the candidate's name to be placed on the ballot, Section [141.031](#)(a)(4)(L) also applies to the application. The other provisions of Section [141.031](#) do not apply.

Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 211, Sec. 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986. Amended by Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 427, Sec. 6, eff. Sept. 1, 1987. Amended by: Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 614 (H.B. [417](#)), Sec. 31, eff. September 1, 2007.

Sec. 144.004. AUTHORITY WITH WHOM APPLICATION FILED. Except as otherwise provided by law, an application for a place on the ballot must be filed with the secretary of the political subdivision's governing body or, if the governing body has no secretary, with the governing body's presiding officer. Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 211, Sec. 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986.

Sec. 144.005. FILING DEADLINE. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), an application for a place on the ballot must be filed not later than 5 p.m. of the 62nd day before election day. Notwithstanding any other law outside this code, an application may not be filed earlier than the 30th day before the date of the filing deadline.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by law, an application filed by mail is considered to be filed at the time of its receipt by the appropriate authority.

(c) The governing body of a political subdivision for which a deadline for filing for candidacy is prescribed by a law outside this code shall take appropriate action to comply with Subsections (a) and (d) and to adjust any affected date, deadline, or procedure to allow the same interval of time in relation to the filing deadline as would be provided by application of the other law. The secretary of state shall prescribe any rules necessary to facilitate the implementation of this subsection.

(d) For an election to be held on a uniform election date, the day of the filing deadline is the 78th day before election day.

Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 211, Sec. 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986. Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 925, Sec. 4, eff. Nov. 1, 2003.

Amended by:

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 1109 (H.B. [2339](#)), Sec. 5, eff. September 1, 2005.

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1318 (S.B. [100](#)), Sec. 18, eff. September 1, 2011.

Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1178 (S.B. [910](#)), Sec. 13, eff. September 1, 2013.

Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 84 (S.B. [1703](#)), Sec. 10, eff. September 1, 2015.

Sec. 144.006. FILING DEADLINE FOR DECLARED WRITE-IN CANDIDATE. (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, a declaration of write-in candidacy must be filed not later than 5 p.m. of the fifth day after the date an application for a place on the ballot is required to be filed in an election in which:

(1) the filing deadline for an application for a place on the ballot is the 62nd day before election day; and

(2) write-in votes may be counted only for names appearing on a list of declared write-in candidates.

(b) For an election to be held on a uniform election date, the day of the filing deadline is the 74th day before election day.

(c) A write-in candidate may not withdraw from the election after the 71st day before election day.

Added by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1316, Sec. 35, eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Amended by:

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 1109 (H.B. [2339](#)), Sec. 6, eff. September 1, 2005.

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1318 (S.B. [100](#)), Sec. 19, eff. September 1, 2011.

Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 84 (S.B. [1703](#)), Sec. 11, eff. September 1, 2015.

Reference Point 2

Water Code – Title 2 Water Administration Subtitle E Groundwater Management Chapter 36 Groundwater Conservation Districts Subchapter A General Provisions

Web link: <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/WA/htm/WA.36.htm>

Sec. 36.059. GENERAL ELECTIONS. (a) All elections shall be generally conducted in accordance with the Election Code except as otherwise provided for by this chapter. Write-in candidacies for any district office shall be governed by Subchapter C, Chapter [146](#), Election Code.

(b) The directors of the district shall be elected according to the precinct method as defined by Chapter [12](#), page 1105, Special Laws, Acts of the 46th Legislature, Regular Session, 1939. To be qualified to be elected as a director, a person must be a registered voter in the precinct that the person represents. If any part of a municipal corporation is a part of one precinct, then no part of the municipal corporation shall be included in another precinct, except that a municipal corporation having a population of more than 200,000 may be divided between two or more precincts. In a multicounty district, not more than two of the five precincts may include the same municipal corporation or part of the same municipal corporation.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 933, Sec. 2, eff. Sept. 1, 1995.

Reference Point 3

Election law related to Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District specifically:

Texas Legislature 2001 77th Regular Session House Bill 1258 excerpt:

Web Link: <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=77R&Bill=HB1258>

AN ACT relating to the ratification of the creation of and to the administration, powers, duties, operation, and financing of the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District.

SECTION 6. METHOD OF ELECTING DIRECTORS.

(a) The directors of the district shall be elected according to the method provided by this section.

(b) One director shall be elected by the qualified voters of the entire district, two directors shall be elected from each county commissioners precinct by the qualified voters of that precinct, one director shall be elected from the city of Iraan by the qualified voters of that city, and one director shall be elected from the city of Fort Stockton by the qualified voters of that city.

(c) To be qualified to be a candidate for or to serve as a director at large, a person must be a registered voter in the district. To be a candidate for or to serve as director from a county commissioners precinct or a city, a person must be a registered voter of that precinct or city, as applicable.

(d) A person shall indicate on the application for a place on the ballot:

- (1) the precinct or city that the person seeks to represent; or
- (2) that the person seeks to represent the district at large.

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