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The Honorable Mark Allen
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The Honorable Ronald Cochran
Newton County Judge
110 Court Street, Room 125
Newton, TX 75966

The Honorable Milton Powers
County Judge
100 W. Bluff, Room 102
Woodville, TX 75979

Re: Director Appointment / Re-Appointment

Honorable Judges:

I hope this letter finds each of you well. It is again time to appoint/re-appoint the Presiding Officer/Board President of the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District ("District"). Mr. Olen Bean's appointment to the District as its Presiding Officer/Board President expires on December 31, 2025. As you are aware, the Presiding Officer/Board President represents the forestry, agricultural or landowner groundwater supply interests of all four counties and is to be appointed by all four commissioners' courts. The appointment/re-appointment will be for the 3-year term beginning on January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028.

Mr. Bean is committed as ever to serving the District and has agreed to continue serving on the Board as its Presiding Officer/Board President if you choose to re-appoint him. When your appointment is made, please forward confirmation of your decision to the District.

Sincerely,

John Martin
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Re: Director Brent Marcum / Rick Russler

Dear Judge Powers:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing regarding two appointment issues. First, as you are aware, it came to the District's attention that members appointed to our board cannot serve on the governing body of another political subdivision at the same time. Brent serves on the governing body of two other political subdivisions (appraisal district and Spurger ISD) and is unwilling to resign from both of those as would be required to continue serving on our board. It will be necessary for Tyler County to appoint a new member to serve the county's interest representing the "rural water / small municipal" stakeholder group.

When considering Brent's replacement, please be sure to ask any potential candidates if they serve on another political subdivision's governing board (fyi - employees of other political subdivisions are typically allowed to serve). The appointment will be for the remaining portion of Brent's current three-year term, which began on January 1, 2025 and continues through December 31, 2027.

Second, director Rick Russler's three-year term is coming to end on December 31, 2025. Rick has been an excellent board member and has indicated that he would be happy to continue serving on the board, should you wish to re-appoint him. This term would begin January 1, 2026, and extend through December 31, 2028.

When your appointments are made, please forward confirmation of your decisions to the District's office with contact information for any new appointment so that I can reach out to our new board member(s).

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

John Martin
General Manager