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TCPB to hold 2018 biennial election

Voting opens January 15

LUBBOCK, Texas (January 11, 2018) – The [Texas Corn Producers Board](http://www.texascorn.org) will hold elections in three of its five voting regions to elect five board members where current members' seats are expiring. The TCPB election is conducted by voting regions and will be held from Jan. 15, 2018, until Jan. 29, 2018.

There are **two seats** open for election in **Voting Region One**, which consists of Carson, Dallam, Gray, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler counties.

There are **two seats** open for election in **Voting Region Three**, which consists of Anderson, Angelina, Bandera, Bell, Blanco, Bosque, Bowie, Brewster, Brown, Burnet, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Coke, Coleman, Collin, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dallas, Delta, Denton, Ector, Edwards, El Paso, Ellis, Erath, Falls, Fannin, Franklin, Freestone, Gillespie, Glasscock, Grayson, Gregg, Hamilton, Harrison, Hays, Henderson, Hill, Hood, Hopkins, Houston, Hudspeth, Hunt, Irion, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Kaufman, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Lamar, Lampasas, Leon, Limestone, Llano, Loving, McCulloch, McLennan, Marion, Mason, Menard, Midland, Milam, Mills, Montague, Morris, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Panola, Parker, Pecos, Presidio, Rains, Reagan, Real, Red River, Reeves, Robertson, Rockwall, Runnels, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Saba, Schleicher, Shelby, Smith, Somervell, Sterling, Sutton, Tarrant, Terrell, Titus, Tom Green, Travis, Trinity, Upshur, Upton, Val Verde, Van Zandt, Ward, Williamson, Winkler, Wise and Wood counties.

There is **one seat** open for election in **Voting Region Four**, which consists of Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Guadalupe, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Karnes, Lavaca, Lee, Liberty, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Orange, Polk, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton and Wilson counties.

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Corn producers eligible to vote in the elections are persons, including the owner of a farm on which corn is produced or the owner's tenant or sharecropper, engaged in the business of producing corn or causing corn to be produced for commercial purposes for at least one production period during the three years preceding the date of this election (Jan. 29, 2018). The producer must reside within one of the counties stated above to vote in the respective voting region.

Voters will be voting for qualified candidates who have sought nomination within the respective TCPB voting regions where elections are to occur. In Voting Region One, **Mark Howard of Dallam County** has been nominated for one of the two seats; voters may indicate a **write-in candidate** for the second seat. Nominees for the two seats in Voting Region Three are **Scott Averhoff of Ellis County** and **Aaron Martinka of Milam County**, and **Charles Ring of San Patricio County** has been nominated for the seat in Voting Region Four. Voters may also vote for board members by "writing in" the name of any eligible persons.

The elections will be held by mail ballot. Ballots containing the nominations of all persons who have validly filed will be available Jan. 8, 2018, at grain elevators and [Texas A&M AgrLife Extension Service](#) offices in each of the appropriate voting regions, or by writing TCPB. All voters otherwise qualified to vote as corn producers must reside in a county within the TCPB voting region where they seek to vote.

For a ballot to be valid, it must be mailed to the TCPB, 4205 N. I-27, Lubbock, Texas 79403, with a postmark date of no later than Jan. 29, 2018.

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