## RESOLUTION MRMD 22-03 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MERIDIAN RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AND

## MERIDIAN RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT 2018 SUBDISTRICT CONCERNING REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 2, 2023

WHEREAS, the Meridian Ranch Metropolitan District and Meridian Ranch Metropolitan District 2018 Subdistrict of the County of El Paso, State of Colorado (collectively, the "District"), is a duly organized and existing quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado, existing and operating under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, including but not limited to Parts 1 through 16 of Article 1 of Title 32, C.R.S., as amended (the "Special District Act"); and

WHEREAS, a regular election is to be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of May in every odd-numbered year, for the purpose of electing members to the Board of Directors of the Meridian Ranch Metropolitan District and Meridian Ranch Metropolitan District 2018 Subdistrict (collectively, the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, three (3) four-year terms shall be open at the regular election to be held on May 2, 2023, by the District; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Board of Directors of the District has determined to submit to the electors of the District, at the regular biennial local district election to be held on May 2, 2023, the election of directors; and

WHEREAS, a designated election official shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to be responsible for conducting the election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Meridian Ranch Metropolitan District and Meridian Ranch Metropolitan District 2018 Subdistrict of the County of El Paso, State of Colorado:

- 1. That a regular election to be conducted by mail ballot be called and held within the District on Tuesday, the 2nd day of May, 2023, at which election the electors shall vote for up to three (3) Directors;
- 2. That the terms of office for Michael Fenton, Milton Gabrielski and William Gessner shall expire following the regular election to be held on the 2nd day of May, 2023, and there are no vacancies on the Board;
- 3. That Sue Blair of Community Resource Services of Colorado, LLC is hereby appointed to serve as the Designated Election Official for the conduct of the election. The Designated Election Official is hereby granted the authority to undertake all reasonable actions that are necessary or convenient for the conduct of the election;
  - 4. That the election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the Colorado

Local Government Election Code, Article 13.5 of Title 1, C.R.S., as supplemented by Const. Colo. Art. X, Sec. 20, the Uniform Election Code of 1992 as amended, the applicable Current Rules and Regulations Governing Election Procedures of the Secretary of State of the state of Colorado, and Title 32, Article 1, Part 8, Colorado Revised Statutes, C.R.S. 32-1-305.5, and other relevant Colorado and federal law (collectively, hereafter all such law and rules shall be referred to as the "Relevant Law");

- 5. That on or about January 3, 2023, the District Manager shall post or cause to be posted on the District's website information regarding the May 2, 2023 election including the number of Board seats that will be up for election and the relevant dates/deadlines for submission of self-nomination forms and affidavits of intent to be a write-in candidate. Such posting shall be in addition to the statutorily required notices to be given to electors of the District by the Designated Election Official of the District. Following the certification of eligible candidates by the Designated Election Official after the self-nomination and write-in candidate affidavit deadlines, the Designated Election Official shall notify the eligible candidates that the District requests that they submit by March 30 a biography and/or factual statement regarding their qualifications and/or basis for their desire to serve on the Board (200 word limit) for posting and dissemination by the District in advance of the election. Following the March 30 deadline for submittal, the District Manager shall publish the candidates' biographies/statements as submitted on the District website, at the District offices and at the District's Recreation Center. Thereafter, but no later than April 15, 2023, the District Manager shall e-mail the candidates biographies/statements to all residents of the District. If a candidate does not submit a biography or statement, the posting and e-mail shall simply state next to the candidate's name: "No information has been submitted."
- 6. That a nomination for Director to serve for any designated vacancy shall be made by written self-nomination and acceptance form or letter and filed with the Designated Election Official not less than sixty-seven (67) days prior to the date of said election and that an affidavit of intent to be a write-in candidate for Director to serve for any designated vacancy shall be filed with the Designated Election Official not less than sixty-four (64) days prior to the date of said election;
- 7. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-13.5-513, C.R.S., as amended, if the only matter before the eligible electors is the election of persons to office and if, at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election or any time thereafter, there are not more candidates than offices to be filled at the election, including candidates filing affidavits of intent, the Designated Election Official is authorized and instructed to cancel the election and declare the candidates elected. If the election is canceled, the Board of Directors by delegation to the Designated Election Official herein shall: (a) provide notice by publication of the cancellation of the election; (b) post a copy of the published notice at each polling location within the District, at the office of the Designated Election Official, and at the office of the clerk and recorder for each county in which the District is located; and (c) file a copy of the published notice with the Division of Local Government. The Board of Directors shall notify the candidates that the election was canceled and that they were elected by acclamation. If the election is canceled, the canvass board will not meet, and the Designated Election Official shall note the cancellation on the Certificate of Election and shall indicate which candidates were elected by acclamation;

- 8. That no person will receive a ballot in this election unless the person is an eligible elector of the District, as defined in Section 32-1-103(5), Colorado Revised Statutes;
- 9. That the Designated Election Official shall file within 30 days after the election, the results of election, including the business address, the telephone number, and the name of the contact person of the District with the Division of Local Government. (C.R.S. 1-11-103(3), 32-1-104(1))
- 10. That should any part or provision of this Resolution be adjudged unenforceable or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Resolution, it being the intention that the various provisions hereof are severable;
- 11. That all acts, orders, resolutions, or parts thereof, of the District that are inconsistent or in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency or conflict;
  - 12. That the provisions of this Resolution shall take effect immediately;
- 13. That all past actions taken by the District, its Board members individually and collectively, officers, agents, attorneys, and consultants directed toward the lawful conduct of the election were done in the best interests of the District and said actions are hereby ratified and confirmed as if originally taken with full authority.
- 14. That in the event of a conflict between this Resolution and Relevant Law, the Relevant Law shall control.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 7th day of December, 2022.

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**DISTRICT 2018 SUBDISTRICT** 

By:

President

ATTEST:

Secretary