

**ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS**  
**ORDEN DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL PARA OTRAS SUBDIVISIONES POLÍTICAS**

An election is hereby ordered to be held on 11 / 04 / 2025 for the purpose of voting on:  
 (date)

(Por la presente se ordena celebrar una elección el 04 / 11 / 2025 con el propósito de votar sobre.)  
 (fecha)

List Offices/Propositions/Measures on the ballot (Enúmere los puestos/proposiciones/medidas oficiales en la boleta)

1 S Fort Ringgold Rio Grande City, TX 78582
33 Produce Rd Rio Grande City, TX 78582
Propositions: See Exhibit A

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:  
 (La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

The Main Early Voting Location (sitio principal de votación adelantada)

Location (sitio)	Hours (horas)
See Exhibit C	See Exhibit C

Branch Early Voting Locations (sucursal sitios de votación adelantada)

Location (sitio)	Hours (horas)
See Exhibit C	See Exhibit C

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekend at:  
 (La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo en el fin de semana en:)

The Main Early Voting Location (sitio principal de votación adelantada)

Location (sitio)	Hours (horas)
See Exhibit C	See Exhibit C

Branch Early Voting Locations (sucursal sitios de votación adelantada)

Location (sitio)	Hours (horas)
See Exhibit C	See Exhibit C

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

MARIN LOPEZ

Name of Early Voting Clerk  
(Nombre del Secretario/a de la Votación Adelantada)

1 S FORT RINGGOLD

Address (Dirección)

RIO GRANDE CITY

City (Ciudad)

Zip Code (Código Postal)

(956) 716-6700

Telephone Number (Número de teléfono)

mlopez001@rgccisd.org

Email Address (Dirección de Correo Electrónico)

myrgcgisd.org

Early Voting Clerk's Website (Sitio web del Secretario/a de Votación Adelantada)

Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBM's) must be received no later than the close of business on:  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el:)

10 / 24 / 2025  
(date)(fecha)

Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on:  
(La Tarjeta Federal Postal de Solicitud deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el:)

10 / 24 / 2025  
(date)(fecha)

Issued this 12 day of 08, 20 25  
(day) (month) (year)

(Emitida este día 12 de 08, 20 25)  
(día) (mes) (año)

  
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Dirigente que Preside)

Signature of Board Member  
(Firma del Director)

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**Instruction Note: A copy of this election order must be delivered to the County Clerk/Elections Administrator and Voter Registrar not later than 60 days before election day.**

**Nota de Instrucción:** Se deberá entregar una copia de esta orden de elección al/a la Secretario(a) del Condado/Administrador(a) de Elecciones y el/la Registrador(a) de Votantes a más tardar 60 días antes del día de elección.

# **RIO GRANDE CITY GRULLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **ORDER CALLING A VOTER APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION** *(MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX RATE RATIFICATION)*

**THE STATE OF TEXAS     §**  
**COUNTY OF STARR       §**

On this 12th day of August 2025, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Rio Grande City Grulla Independent School District (the “District” or “RGCGISD”), duly convened in regular session with a lawful quorum present, considered the following Order:

### **WHEREAS CLAUSES**

**WHEREAS**, Article VIII, Section 1 of the Texas Constitution provides that taxation shall be equal and uniform, and further requires that all real property and tangible personal property within the District not otherwise exempted by the Constitution or laws of the State of Texas be taxed in proportion to its value, which shall be ascertained as may be provided by law; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 26.08 of the Texas Tax Code, if the governing body of a school district adopts a tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval tax rate of the District, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the adopted tax rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the District has duly considered and adopted an ad valorem tax rate for the tax year 2025 which exceeds the District’s voter-approval tax rate, thereby triggering the statutory requirement to submit such adopted rate to the qualified voters of the District for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed 2025 tax levy upon all real property situated within the boundaries of the District and all taxable personal property owned within the District on January 1, 2025 (except such property as may be exempt under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas) includes a Maintenance and Operations (“M&O”) tax of and at the rate of \$0.7807 DOLLARS on each ONE HUNDRED AND NO/100TH (100.00) DOLLARS of assessed valuation, which levy is to be imposed for the purpose of funding the general operations of the District and to pay the current operating expenses of the District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, which tax, when collected, shall be appropriated to and deposited into the Maintenance and Operations Fund of the District to be used exclusively for lawful school purposes, including but not limited to instruction, administration, transportation, and facility maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of such M&O tax rate results in an increase in maintenance and operations taxes for the current year as compared to the prior year’s maintenance and operations

tax rate, and therefore constitutes a rate in excess of the District's voter-approval tax rate within the meaning of Texas Tax Code § 26.08; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Legislature has mandated in Texas Education Code § 11.184(b-1) that before holding such an election, a school district must either undergo an "efficiency audit" as defined by law or otherwise qualify for an exemption under the statute, and the District has determined that it will [conduct such an audit / qualifies for exemption] as permitted by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is required by the Texas Election Code to order and conduct the Election in accordance with the statutory framework governing school district elections, including provisions relating to the appointment of election officers, the establishment of early voting, the preparation of ballots in English and Spanish, the publication and posting of notices, and the canvassing of election returns; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees, in the exercise of its sound discretion and in compliance with all applicable constitutional and statutory provisions, finds it to be in the best interest of the District and its taxpayers to call and order a Voter Approval Tax Rate Election for the purpose of submitting to the electorate the question of whether to approve the District's adopted Maintenance and Operations tax rate for the year 2025;

## **ORDER**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RIO GRANDE CITY GRULLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, THAT:**

### **Section 1. Election Ordered; Date and Proposition.**

An election (the "Election") is hereby ordered to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, a uniform election date prescribed by law, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the District a proposition to approve or disapprove the adoption of the District's Maintenance and Operations tax rate for the year 2025. The proposition shall be set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, and shall be printed on the ballot in both English and Spanish in conformity with Texas Tax Code § 26.08 and the Texas Election Code. The final adopted tax rate, percentage increase in M&O revenue, and corresponding dollar amount shall be inserted into Exhibit A following certification by the District.

### **Section 2. Election Day Voting.**

Election Day voting shall be conducted on November 4, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., at the polling locations set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein. Such polling locations shall be within the District and shall be determined and published by the Rio Grande City Grulla ISD Elections Department.

### **Section 3. Early Voting.**

Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted beginning on Monday, October 20, 2025, and continuing through Friday, October 31, 2025, at the locations and during the times to be specified in Exhibit C, attached hereto and incorporated herein. The Elections Department shall ensure compliance with all statutory posting, publication, and notice requirements.

**Section 4. Ballots by Mail.**

Applications for ballots by mail shall be addressed to the District Elections Administrator as follows (or by such other means as permitted by the Texas Election Code):

Early Voting Clerk: Marín López, District Elections Administrator

Mailing Address: 1 S Fort Ringgold, Rio Grande City Texas 78582 (Elections Office)

Physical/Courier Address: 1 S Fort Ringgold Rio Grande City, TX 78582 (Elections Office)

**Section 5. Appointment of Election Officers.**

Election officers, including presiding judges, alternate judges, clerks, members of the Early Voting Ballot Board, any Signature Verification Committee, and Central Counting Station personnel shall be appointed by the District in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

**Section 6. District Election Administrator.**

Marín López is hereby designated and confirmed as the District's Election Administrator for purposes of coordinating, filing, and maintaining records related to the Election on behalf of the District. The Board President, Superintendent, and District Election Administrator are hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to implement this Order, including the preparation of Exhibits A through C and ministerial adjustments required for compliance with state law.

**Section 7. Notice of Election.**

The Superintendent or designee shall cause this Order and the Notice of Election to be posted, published, and otherwise given in the manner and at the times required by the Texas Election Code, including provision of Spanish-language notices, so as to fully apprise the voters of the District of the date, purpose, and conduct of the Election.

**Section 8. Conduct of Election; Voting System.**

The Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Constitution, the Texas Tax Code, the Texas Education Code, the Texas Election Code, and all other applicable laws. Electronic voting systems, direct recording equipment, and official ballots approved by the District Elections Department are hereby authorized for use in the conduct of the Election.

**Section 9. Canvassing of Returns; Effect of Results.**

The Board of Trustees shall convene to canvass the official returns of the Election at the time prescribed by law. If a majority of the votes cast at the Election favor the proposition, the adopted Maintenance and Operations tax rate for 2025 shall thereby be approved and become the lawful tax rate of the District. If the majority of votes are cast against the proposition, the District shall not adopt a tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval tax rate.

**Section 10. Open Meetings; Severability; Effective Date.**

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, and that public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of this meeting was given as required by law. If any provision of this Order is adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the

remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect. This Order shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 12th day of August, 2025.**

**RIO GRANDE CITY GRULLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

By:   
Dr. Veronica Barrera, President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

By:   
Mr. Eduardo "Eddie" Ramirez, Secretary, Board of Trustees

**Exhibits:**

- **Exhibit A** – Proposition Language (English & Spanish)
- **Exhibit B** – Election Day Polling Locations and Hours
- **Exhibit C** – Early Voting Locations and Hours

## EXHIBIT A

### ENGLISH

#### PROPOSITION A

RATIFYING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$1.3154 IN RIO GRANDE CITY GRULLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, A RATE THAT WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE OF 4.19% IN MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX REVENUE FOR THE DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AS COMPARED TO THE PRECEDING YEAR, WHICH IS AN ADDITIONAL \$3,819,211.

☐ FOR

☐ AGAINST

### ESPAÑOL

#### PROPOSICIÓN A

RATIFICANDO LA TASA IMPOSITIVA AD VALOREM DE \$1.3154 EN EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE RIO GRANDE CITY GRULLA PARA EL AÑO EN CURSO, UNA TASA QUE RESULTARÁ EN UN AUMENTO DE 4.19% EN LOS INGRESOS DEL IMPUESTO DE MANTENIMIENTO Y OPERACIONES DEL DISTRITO PARA EL AÑO EN CURSO EN COMPARACIÓN CON EL AÑO ANTERIOR, LO QUE REPRESENTA \$3,819,211 ADICIONALES.

☐ A FAVOR

☐ EN CONTRA

## EXHIBIT A

### *Election Day Polling Locations and Hours*

<b>Polling Location</b>	<b>Voting Dates</b>	<b>Voting Hours</b>
1 S Fort Ringgold Rio Grande City, TX 78582	November 4, 2025	7:00AM – 7:00PM
33 Produce Rd Rio Grande City, TX 78582	November 4, 2025	7:00AM – 7:00PM



## EXHIBIT C

### *Early Voting Locations and Hours*

<b>Polling Location</b>	<b>Voting Dates</b>	<b>Voting Hours</b>
1 S Fort Ringgold Rio Grande City, TX 78582	October 20, 2025 – October 31, 2025	<u>Weekdays:</u> 7:00AM – 7:00PM
33 Produce Rd Rio Grande City, TX 78582	October 20, 2025 – October 31, 2025	<u>Weekdays:</u> 7:00AM – 7:00PM

