

2022-2023 Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors' Candidate Information

Please find information for the nominated candidates: Logan Brady, Walter Erwin, Richard Keeler, Brett Kemp, John Knight, Ken Marks, Dani Muckleroy and Ryan Pitts

Logan Brady – Mr. Brady was nominated by the City of Waxahachie. Born in California, Mr. Brady grew up in Waxahachie, graduating in 2006. He earned a Bachelors Degree in Computer Science from the University of Alabama, an MBA from Quinnipiac University and a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt certification from Villanova University. He has worked in aerospace manufacturing, healthcare, banking and owned a dance studio with his wife. Through his work, he has enjoyed traveling and has spent time in Germany, China, India and the Middle East. Mr. Brady is the Branch President for Pinnacle Bank's forthcoming Waxahachie Branch and is involved locally in the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce, Waxahachie Young Professionals and the Miracle League of Ellis County. He and his family returned to Waxahachie after 15 years following his high school graduation.

Walter Erwin - Mr. Erwin was nominated by the City of Ennis. Mr. Erwin has served on the Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors as a member for a part of 2021. He was in the US Army Reserve from 1964-1971 while simultaneously earning his BBA from the University of Texas. From 1973-2018, he was the President and CEO of Erwin Distributing Co, Inc. DBA Wally's Party Factory while also founding Party Club of America and was co-owner/founder of Halloween and Party Expo, selling these businesses by 2018. Mr. Erwin remains the Managing Member of Erwin Properties, LP (I & II) and remains on the Ennis State Bank Board of Directors since 1985. He volunteered as the Vice-President of the Ennis Industrial Foundation in the 1970-80's and the Trinity River Authority of Texas from 1982-1993, serving as the President of their Board of Directors from 1991-1993.

Richard Keeler - Mr. Keeler was nominated by Waxahachie ISD. He has been a resident of Waxahachie since 1985, serving on the Waxahachie Planning and Zoning Commission as Chairman, on the City of Waxahachie Economic Development Commission and on the Steering Committee for the Waxahachie Economic Development Plan. He attended De Soto High School, received a BBA in Finance from Sam Houston State University and attended the School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University. Professionally, Mr. Keeler has been with Options Real Estate Investments, Inc. since 1996, from 1981-1996 worked with Community and Commercial Banking and is a member of the Congress for the New Urbanism. He volunteers with Waxahachie Youth Baseball and the Waxahachie YMCA.

Brett Kemp - Mr. Kemp was nominated by the City of Midlothian. A resident of Midlothian since 1977, he graduated from Midlothian High School in 1987. He graduated from Tarleton State University with a BBA in Accounting, earned a Masters Certificate in Project Management from Villanova University and obtained a Series 22 and 63 for the SEC as a broker. Professionally, Mr. Kemp ran the Kemp CPA firm from 2010-2019, worked for Intuit for 12 years and received certification as a Green and Black Belt in Six Sigma. He has served the community as VP for the Midlothian Downtown Business Association for three years, as a Member of the Board of Directors for the Midlothian Foundation and volunteered with Manna House for two years. He served for eight years in all leadership roles on the Board of Directors of the Midlothian Chamber of Commerce and founded the Chamber Wine Walk event. Mr. Kemp graduated from Leadership Midlothian in 2012 and went on to Chair and run Leadership Midlothian from 2013-2019. From 2013-2014, he served on the Board of Directors for the Hope Clinic in Waxahachie and was appointed and served as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner for the City of Midlothian from 2014-2018. Mr. Kemp currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Midlothian Cemetery Association and as the Membership Director for the Midlothian Lions Club. His roots are deep in the community and continues to seek service opportunities.

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John Knight - Mr. Knight was nominated by Midlothian ISD and the City of Midlothian. Mr. Knight has served on the Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors as the Secretary for 2020-2021. He has been a resident of Ellis County for 20 years, currently his family lives in Ovilla and his children attend Midlothian ISD. Working in the financial services industry for 25+ years, he is currently the Senior Vice President for First Financial Bank in Midlothian. He has a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Texas at Arlington and a Masters of Business Administration from the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University. Mr. Knight is active in the community, serving on the board of the Midlothian Chamber of Commerce, co-chairing the Leadership Midlothian program, mentoring at The MILE, and is the president of Texas CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

Ken Marks - Mr. Marks was nominated by Midlothian ISD and the City of Midlothian. Mr. Marks has served on the Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors since 2002 as a member, as Secretary from 2004-2005 and 2012-2013 and as Vice-Chairman from 2014-2021. He is a State Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser working for E.T. Jones & Associates. Mr. Marks has been a resident of Ellis County for 32 years. He and his children graduated from Midlothian ISD.

Dani Muckleroy - Ms. Muckleroy was nominated by Midlothian ISD. Ms. Muckleroy has served on the Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors as a member for a part of 2021. Ms. Muckleroy has been a resident of Ovilla for 28 years. She owned a retail gift shop in Duncanville for 14 years. She is a volunteer and supporter of several non-profit groups that meet the needs of marginal families with an emphasis on children. She has served on the Advisory Council of the Ellis County Salvation Army for 13 years and on the Board at Daniel's Den for one term. She presently serves, using her many years in accounting, on the Finance Committee of First United Methodist Church of Red Oak, understanding budgets and the reason for them. Ms. Muckleroy is a CASA volunteer and a mentor at Red Oak High School.

Ryan Pitts – Mr. Pitts was nominated by the City of Waxahachie. He, his wife Faith and their two children live in Waxahachie. Mr. Pitts, a 4th generation Waxahachie resident, graduated from Southern Methodist University and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas School of Law. He is the Chief Executive Officer at Ellis County Title Company and has a heart to serve the community. Mr. Pitts is President of the Waxahachie Foundation, Secretary of the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and volunteers with Waxahachie Care, the Waxahachie Family YMCA and the Waxahachie Independent School District Community Education Advisory Council on their leadership boards. He was named to the 40 Under Forty list of business professionals in Ellis County in 2017 and was a member of the Leadership Waxahachie class of XXII in 2015-2016. Mr. Pitts was recently a candidate in the 2020 Republican Primary for Texas House District 10.