

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following are excerpts taken from Rule 20 and New Mexico State statutes which govern the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) election of directors:

2. Boards of directors; membership, qualifications.

§73-14-19. The boards of directors created by Sections 73-14-18 through 73-14-32 NMSA 1978 shall consist of three directors from and representing that portion of the most populous county within the conservancy district, one director each from and representing those portions of each of the remaining counties within the conservancy district and one director from and representing the district at large; provided that each director:

- A. is a qualified elector of the conservancy district; and
- B. resides within the conservancy district and the county from which he is elected or, if representing the district at large, resides within one of the four counties of the conservancy district.
- C. as of the date the candidate completes the Declaration of Candidacy, the candidate is qualified to hold office.

3. Definitions.

§73-14-20. As used in Section 73-14-18 through 73-14-32 NMSA 1978:

- C. "benefited area" means that area described by a property appraisal that received a benefit as a result of the creation of a district for any of the purposes specified in Section 73-14-4 NMSA 1978;
- I. "residence" means a dwelling that lies partially or completely within the benefited area.

6. Board of directors; election; terms.

§73-14-21.

- A. Each member of the board of directors shall be elected for a term of four years and, unless, removed from office, shall serve until his successor is duly elected and has qualified; provided that in the first election immediately following the effective date of the provisions of this act (73-14-18 to 73-14-32 NMSA 1978), candidates for positions 1, 2, and 5 shall be elected for two-year terms each and candidates for positions 3, 4, 6 and 7 shall be elected for four-year terms each.
- B. Vacancies on the board of directors shall be filled by the remaining members of the board of directors for the unexpired term of the director whose office becomes vacant. The person appointed to fill the vacancy shall have the same qualifications as the member whose unexpired term he is completing.

11. Declaration of candidacy; signatures of electors

§73-14-25. Declaration of candidacy; signatures of electors.

- A. Any person who desires to become a candidate for election as a member of the conservancy district board of directors shall file his written declaration of candidacy with the election director or with the election officer at least sixty days before the election. The election officer or the election director shall certify the candidates to the board of directors.
- B. The declaration of candidacy shall contain:
 - 1) A statement that the candidates are a qualified elector of the district and meet the qualifications of a director as required by law;
 - 2) The candidate's name, address, county of residence and date of declaration of candidacy;
 - 3) The numerical designation of the position on the board of directors for which he desires to be a candidate;
 - 4) If a candidate for a position representing a county in the conservancy district, a petition signed by at least seventy-five qualified electors of the district who reside in that county;
 - 5) If a candidate for the position at large in the conservancy district, a petition signed by at least one hundred twenty five qualified electors; and

- 6) A statement that the candidate resides within the conservancy district and in the county for which he desires to be a candidate on the board of directors.
- C. Candidate to present identification showing physical address; i.e. driver's license, voter registration, current utility bill, and/or description of qualifying property, etc.

11.1 Becoming a Candidate

- A. Position on the ballot will be determined by lot fifty seven (57) days prior to the election when candidates draw from numbers one through twenty-five. The candidate with the lowest number shall be first on the ballot with each following position being determined by the next lowest number. Drawing for lots will be done in order of the filing of the candidate's declaration of candidacy. The name of the candidate shall appear on the ballot in the same form as it appears on the deed to his or her property within the benefited area of the District, his or her New Mexico State driver's license, his or her voter registration at the County Clerk's office
- B. Only original signatures placed on official petitions established by the Board of Directors for the current election will be accepted.
- C. No employee of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District shall continue employment with the District upon becoming a candidate because a conflict of interest would exist. This section shall not apply to people considered to be employees by virtue of their elected position.
- D. Must not have a felony conviction, or of any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

NOTE: Election forms, which include the Declaration of Candidacy and petition forms, will be presented and approved at the MRGCD Board of Directors meeting on June 9, 2025. After this date, these forms will be available to be picked up on July 9, 2025, by contacting MRGCD Election Officer DeAnna Philips at (505) 247-0234, at the District office 1931 Second Street SW Albuquerque, NM 87102.