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 Collector Josie Dean. To date, filings for a place on the Republican Primary ballot include County Judge Roy Blair, County/District Clerk Mary Grim, County Commissioners Bobby Blaylock for Precinct 4 and Wendell Lee for Precinct 2, and Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Jackie Walker.” In a related matter, Chairman Kitten announced that he will not seek re-election as County Chairman and he encourages interested individuals to contact him about filing for this post. “It’s a great way to be involved in the political activities in our county”, said Chairman Kitten, adding, “We encourage all Republican candidates in the county to file your applications well before the 6 pm deadline on December 9th.”

Republicans interested in filing for candidacy should contact Chairman Kitten at 282-2425.

Gray Wolf Reintroduction under scrutiny by Texas SWCDS

Soil and water conservation district directors representing 216 soil and water conservation districts (SWCDS) at their 73rd annual meeting in Fort Worth unanimously voiced opposition to the reintroduction, of the Mexican Gray Wolf in Texas by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) without concurrence of landowners in the reintroduction zone.

Edwin Easley, chairman of the High Point SWCD headquartered in Van Horn said, “The USFWS has distributed a plan for the reintroduction of the wolf into Culberson and Hudspeth Counties, and if the plan is carried out would affect private property rights”. Ranchers have reservations about the program due to the economic effects of losing livestock to wolves.

To protect domestic livestock, the Mexican gray wolf was removed from its historic range in the U.S. Five wolves were later found in Mexico and the species was brought back from the “http://www.mexicanwolves.org/index.php/brush-with-extinction” brink of extinction through captive breeding. In 1998, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service began releasing wolves into the wild lands of Arizona and New Mexico.

Thirty-two years after receiving protection under the Endangered Species Act, and twelve years after the Fish and Wildlife Service began its reintroduction program; there are approximately four dozen wolves in the wild, far short of the goal of 100 wolves and 18 breeding pairs that was originally established for the reintroduction program.

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) administers

Texas’ soil and water conservation law and delivers coordinated natural resource conservation programs through the State’s 216 soil and water conservation districts.

Additionally, the TSSWCB is the lead agency for planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural non-point sources of water pollution.

The agency also administers a water supply enhancement program through the targeted control of water-depleting brush. The TSSWCB also acts to ensure that the State’s network of 2,000 flood control dams are protecting lives and property by providing operation, maintenance, and structural repair grants to local government sponsors and facilitates the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.



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