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Township installs elected directors and elects officers for 2014

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (November 21, 2013) – The Woodlands Township Board of Directors held its regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, at The Woodlands Township Town Hall, 2801 Technology Forest Boulevard, at 6 p.m.

The Board elected its 2014 Officers for the year: Chairman Bruce Tough, Vice Chairman Peggy Hausman, Secretary Ed Robb and Treasurer Gordy Bunch.

The Woodlands Township Chairman Bruce Tough recognized Nelda Luce Blair as she stepped down from the board after seven years of service to the Township, preceded by serving continuously on the Town Center Improvement District board since 1999.

"It has certainly been an honor working with Nelda," said Chairman Tough. "She has quite a list of accomplishments including being the first chairman of The Woodlands Township." Chairman Tough read a long list of her honors, and the Board presented her with a farewell sculpture of a deer.

Here are some of her accomplishments with The Woodlands Township/Town Center Improvement District:

- Former Chairman of the Town Center Improvement District
- Involved in the development of The Woodlands Waterway, The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel & Convention Center, expansion of The Pavilion, expansion of The Woodlands Mall, Market Street, Waterway Square, Town Green Park and more.
- Played a key role in the transition of the TCID and Community Associations to The Woodlands Township
- Elected to The Woodlands Township Board of Directors in May 2008 for a three-year term and re-elected to serve a two-year term in 2011
- Served as Chairman of the Board from 2007 to 2010
- Triple board Certified Real Estate Attorney
- Chairman of the Board of Directors for The Woodlands Convention & Visitors Bureau since inception in 2006
- Chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Houston System, appointed by Governor Rick Perry
- Chancellor's Advisory Board member for the Lone Star College System

- President/Board member of the Conroe ISD Education Foundation
- Past Chairman of the Board of The Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce
- Periodically appears as a legal commentator for CNN, CBS News, CourtTV, MSNBC, and FOXNews, and maintains a legal and political consulting business in The Woodlands
- Married to retired attorney Jim Blair, daughter attorney Maris Blair
- Resident of The Woodlands for over 20 years and fifth-generation Texan
- "Hometown Hero of The Woodlands" 2005
- "Citizen of the Year", The Woodlands Are Chamber of Commerce 2004

Newly elected director John P. McMullan took the oath of office and was seated on the board. Re-elected directors Peggy Hausman and Bruce Tough also renewed their oaths of office.

John McMullan, Position 5

- Recently Elected to The Woodlands Township Board of Directors
- Finance degree from The University of Texas at Austin in 1996 and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1999
- John and his wife, Kim, met while they were both students at Harvard Law. They married in 2002 and later chose to move to The Woodlands as the ideal place to raise a family and for their parents to retire.
- John and Kim are the proud parents of Brooke (8), Matthew (5), and baby Keira (1).
- Brooke attends school at Coulson Tough, practices with The Woodlands Swim Team, and plays in the YMCA softball league.
- Matthew is also at Coulson Tough and plays RUSH soccer and Orwall K-Ball.
- The family attends Trinity Episcopal Church, where Kim is a Sunday school teacher. John's mother, Maureen McMullan, and Kim's retired parents, Elliot and Sandy Pedersen, also live in The Woodlands.
- Member of Maverick PAC and a member of Texas Patriots PAC
- Vice President of the Irish Society of Houston
- Served on the Finance Committee of Ted Cruz's 2012 campaign for the United States Senate
- Professionally, he is a shareholder with the international law firm, Greenberg Traurig, where he advises large and small businesses on developing and constructing energy projects and other corporate matters.
- He is a member of the Houston Bar Association's Oil and Gas Section, and was a finalist for the 2010 *Houston Business Journal* Best Corporate Counsel Award.

Peggy Hausman, Position 6

- Resident of The Woodlands since 1981
- Elected to The Woodlands Township Board of Directors in May 2008 to serve a three-year term; re-elected in 2011
- Vice Chairman, The Woodlands Township Board of Directors

- Former Vice Chairman, The Woodlands Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors
- Has served on many community organizations, including but not limited to the South Montgomery County Food Bank, President of the Sally K. Ride PTO/PTA, McCullough Jr. High PTA Council Representative, Montgomery County Juvenile Advisory Board, Panther Creek Merchant's Association Community Liaison, Regional Resource Council on Governance, Mobility, Chamber Liaison and Redrafting of the Mutual Benefits Agreement
- Past Chairman of the Panther Creek Residential Design and Review Committee
- 1994-2007 Member of the Board of Directors for The Woodlands Community Association
- First resident elected Chairman of The Woodlands Community Service Corporation and The Woodlands Fire Department Board of Directors
- Selected as an original Hometown Hero in 1999
- Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Missouri Western State University

Bruce Coulson Tough, Position 7

Bruce Coulson Tough was born in Burbank, California and moved to Houston, Texas in 1968. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Houston, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree with Honors (Dean's List 1976, 1977). He received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Houston Law Center in 1980. Tough is the founder of Tough Law Firm, PLLC, voted as the 2010 Small Business of the Year Award by the Lone Star College System, Montgomery College, located in The Woodlands area.

Tough moved to The Woodlands, Texas in 1996 and first became involved in the community by becoming elected as a Director on the Woodlands Community Association (WCA), the forerunner of the current Woodlands Township. He held that position on the WCA from 1999 to 2010, holding the position as President from 2000 – 2004. He was also the Chairman of The Woodlands Community Service Corporation which provided city type services to all of the residents of The Woodlands.

Bruce Tough was elected as President of The Woodlands Fire Department in 2000 – 2004, 2006 – 2011 during which time the department increased its Public Protection Class rating, commonly referred to as an ISO rating, from an ISO (4) Four to an ISO (2) Two. The department also built a state of the art training facility to meet the preparedness and development needs of regional entities in the area of emergency management and response.

In 2003, Bruce Tough was elected as a Trustee on the Conroe Independent School District and served in that position until 2008. Also in 2008, Tough was elected for the position of Director on the Board of Directors of the newly formed governmental entity, The Woodlands Township. He has served as Chairman on the Board since 2010.

Tough has served as a Director and Chairman of the South Montgomery County/The Woodlands

Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the annual Economic Outlook Conference, Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America George Strake District and the newly formed Tall Timbers District, as well as many other civic activities in The Woodlands and Montgomery County.

Bruce Tough resides with his wife, Diana, and four daughters, Madison, Tara, Abby and Sydney, in The Woodlands, Texas.

Additional Board items included:

- Awarded a bid for swimming pool re-plastering and deck re-surfacing for Rob Fleming Aquatic Center;
- Accepted conveyance of Village of Creekside Park Section 15, ROSRs A, B, C, D, E, G, H and Section 17, ROSRs A, C, D, E;
- Renewed the Service Agreement with The Woodlands Area Economic Development Partnership;
- Approved a Host Venue Sponsorship Agreement with the Woodlands Waterway Arts Council for the Woodlands Waterway Arts Festival;
- Approved an Interlocal Agreement for the South Montgomery County Mobility Plan between H-GAC and The Woodlands Township;
- Approved a schedule of meeting dates for The Woodlands Township Board of Directors for calendar year 2014;
- Cancelled the December 18th Board of Directors meeting;
- Extended the Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee term;
- Awarded a bid for reforestation;
- Approved award of retirement benefits analysis for Township retirement benefits.

- On the regular agenda, the board:

- Accepted the financial report;

- Received a briefing regarding Central Fire Station awards;

- Approved recreational facility development improvements: a) Alden Bridge Sports Park safety fence; b) Bear Branch Sportsfield #7 security fence; c) Bear Branch Sportsfields all-weather turf rules, signs and turf mats. The Board of Directors continues to enhance Bear Branch Sportfields and Alden Bridge Sports Park with the addition of fencing around Field 7 at Bear Branch and partial fencing around Fields 1 and 2 at Alden Bridge. By fencing Field 7 it will allow this field to become a championship field for soccer and other field sports, by managing the number of hours played through either drop in or programmed used. Texas Rush, is supporting this part of the overall project through a donation of 50% of the cost. The fence at Alden Bridge will provide a barrier between fields 1 and 2 and fields 4,5,6 thus allowing full use of the fields by all sports at all times thus minimizing user conflicts. Other improvements slated for these complexes includes enhanced signage will be further developed over the next few months with additional Board input.

- Approved the goals and objectives for The Woodlands Township Transit Plan;

- Approved an interlocal agreement between The Woodlands Township andMontgomery County Hospital District;

- Approved changes to the Election Procedures for The Woodlands Village Residential Design Review Committees;

- Approved public officials insurance coverage deductibles;

- Approved the process for Board and committee appointments at the December Board meeting;

- Discussed board announcements and items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

For more information on The Woodlands Township, please visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov or call 281-210-3800. Details of the above agenda items, including video coverage of the meeting, are online at the Web address above.

Photo: The Woodlands Township Board of Directors recognize Nelda Blair for her service to the Township. *Left to right:* Gordy Bunch, Peggy Hausman, Mike Bass, Bruce Tough, Nelda Blair, Ed Robb, Jeff Long and Don Norrell.