

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF HEARING
Shankle Road Municipal Utility District of Ellis County
SOAH Docket No. 582-23-26772
TCEQ Docket No. 2023-0566-DIS
TCEQ Internal Control No. D-08222022-044

PETITION.

Steve Selinger, (Petitioner) filed a petition for creation of Shankle Road Municipal Utility District of Ellis County (District) with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The petition was filed pursuant to Article XVI, §59 and Article III, §52 of the Constitution of the State of Texas; Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code; 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 293; and the procedural rules of the TCEQ.

The petition states that: (1) the Petitioner holds title to a majority in value of the land to be included in the proposed District; (2) there are no lienholders on the property to be included in the proposed District; (3) the proposed District will contain approximately 181.5664 acres located within Ellis County, Texas; and (4) none of the land within the proposed District is within the corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction of any city.

The petition further states that the proposed District will: (1) purchase, construct, acquire, improve, or extend inside or outside of its boundaries any and all works, improvements, facilities, plants, equipment, and appliances necessary or helpful to supply and distribute water for municipal, domestic, and commercial purposes; (2) collect, transport, process, dispose of and control domestic, and commercial wastes; (3) gather, conduct, divert, abate, amend, and control local storm water or other local harmful excesses of water in the proposed District; (4) design, acquire, construct, finance, improve, operate, and maintain macadamized, graveled, or paved roads and turnpikes, or improvements in aid of those roads; and (5) purchase, construct, acquire, improve, or extend inside or outside of its boundaries such additional facilities, systems, plants, and enterprises as shall be consonant with all of the purposes for which the proposed District is created. Additionally, the proposed District will be granted road powers. According to the petition, a preliminary investigation has been made to determine the cost of the project, and it is estimated by the Petitioners that the cost of said project will be approximately \$21,490,000 (\$12,925,000 for water, wastewater, and drainage and \$8,565,000 for roads).

CONTESTED CASE HEARING.

The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) will conduct a preliminary hearing via Zoom videoconference. A Zoom meeting is a secure, free meeting held over the internet that allows video, audio, or audio/video conferencing.

10:00 a.m. - October 18, 2023

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<https://soah-texas.zoomgov.com/>

Meeting ID: 161 691 7911

Password: TCEQ72

or

To join the Zoom meeting via telephone:

(669) 254-5252 or (646) 828-7666

Meeting ID: 161 691 7911

Password: 526494

**Visit the SOAH website for registration at: <http://www.soah.texas.gov/>
or call SOAH at 512-475-4993.**

The purpose of a preliminary hearing is to establish jurisdiction, name the parties, establish a procedural schedule for the remainder of the proceeding, and to address other matters as determined by the judge. The evidentiary hearing phase of the proceeding, which will occur at a later date, will be similar to a civil trial in state district court. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 2001, Texas Government Code; Chapters 49 and 54, Texas Water Code; Chapter 395, Texas Local Government Code; TCEQ rules, including 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 293; and the procedural rules of the TCEQ and SOAH, including 30 TAC Chapter 80 and 1 TAC Chapter 155. To participate in the hearing as a party, you must attend the hearing and show you would be affected by the petition in a way not common to members of the general public.

In accordance with 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 155.401(a), Notice of Hearing, “Parties that are not represented by an attorney may obtain information regarding contested case hearings on the public website of the State Office of Administrative Hearings at www.soah.texas.gov, or in printed format upon request to SOAH.”

INFORMATION.

For information concerning the hearing process, please contact the TCEQ Office of the Public Interest Counsel (MC 103), P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, contact the TCEQ Water Supply Division, Districts Section (MC 152), P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, telephone (512) 239-4691. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this hearing and who need special accommodations at the hearing should call the SOAH Docketing Department at (512) 475-4993, at least one week prior to the hearing.

Issued: September 18, 2023

Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality