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**HERITAGE LAND BANK ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF
NEW DIRECTORS AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Heritage Land Bank recently held their Director and Nominating Committee elections by stockholder ballot, and is pleased to announce the election results tabulated by the accounting firm of Henry & Peters. The following were elected to serve a three-year term on the board of directors: Jack S. Pullen, Rockwall; Kevin Sampson, Winona; and James R. Tarrant, Jr., Bullard.

Jack S. Pullen owns a cow-calf operation in Rockwall County and is employed as a right-of-way agent for the Texas Department of Transportation. He is president of RCH Water Corporation, serves on the board of directors of the Rockwall Youth Fair and the Rockwall Lions Club, serves as city councilman for McLendon/Chisholm, charter member of the Rockwall County A&M Club, and is a former director of the Texas Hereford Association. He is a graduate of Texas A&M.

Kevin Sampson runs a cow-calf operation in Smith County and also produces hay, forage, Tifton 85 sprigs and timber. He is a director of the Smith County Farm Bureau and served on the Texas Farm Bureau's resolutions committee. He is a graduate of the University of Texas.

James R. Tarrant, Jr. is owner of Consolidated Wood Products in Bullard, Texas. He serves as a director for Cherokee County Electric Coop, North Cherokee Water Corp., Texas National Bank and has served ten years on the Jacksonville ISD School Board. He is a graduate of Texas A&M.

Other Heritage Land Bank Board of Directors include: David Alders, Nacogdoches; Bill Ashworth, Leonard; George Hodges, Grapeland; Jerry Nelson, Tyler; and Keith Nicholas, Greenville.

In addition, the following Nominating Committee Members were elected: Michael Powell, Caddo Mills; Johnnie Robinson, Celina; James M. Bachman, Grapeland; Lewie Byers, Rusk; and alternates Roger Claxton, Celeste and Simmie Douglas, Tennessee Colony.

"We are very pleased to have such an outstanding group of experienced community leaders serving on our Association's board of directors and nominating committee," stated Stephen R. Ogletree, Chief Executive Officer.

Heritage Land Bank is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System and is a member-owned lending cooperative, which has provided long-term financing for rural properties including farms, ranches and rural residences for over 90 years. In addition, it offers short-term financing for equipment, livestock and operating capital. The association services 16 counties in north and central East Texas and has offices located in Athens, Greenville, Palestine, McKinney, Nacogdoches and Tyler.