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Four directors elected to Texas Peanut Producers Board

TPPB welcomes 3 new directors to the board

LUBBOCK, Texas (February 3, 2012) – The Texas Peanut Producers Board elected or re-elected **four** board directors during elections held in January. Each person elected will serve a six year term, or until the year 2018.

Scott Nolen of Seminole was elected to serve his first term on the board in Voting Region One, which consists of West Texas and the Western Panhandle. In Voting Region Two, which includes of the Eastern Panhandle and Rolling Plains, **Clint White** of Vernon was re-elected to his seat and **Pat White** of Wellington was elected for his first term. **Grayson Wilmeth** of Dilley was elected to serve his first term on the board for Voting Region Four, the southern peanut-producing area.

Prior to the elections, TPPB divided the state into four separate voting regions. These voting regions allow for board directors to more closely represent the peanut interests of a particular region of the state, and to provide representation for all Texas peanut producers on the board. As there are 12 board seats on TPPB, the voting regions are designed for 10 of the 12 seats to represent a percentage of peanut production in Texas as reported by the Texas Crop Reporting Service, with the remaining two seats being at large and representing the entire state. The Texas Department of Agriculture approved the voting region plan and ratified the election.

The four board members will be sworn in during TPPB's spring board meeting in Lubbock by Lance Williams, Texas Department of Agriculture.

News releases and legal notices on the election were sent to all major newspapers in the state where elections occurred. The voting period was from January 9, 2012 to January 23, 2012.

The next election will be in 2014 with four seats up for election.

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