

NEWS RELEASE FROM THE MILAM APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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RE: Buckholts & Rockdale ISD Boundary Issue

The Buckholts & Rockdale ISD boundary issue has been resolved. In the fall of 2015, the Texas Legislative Council (TLC) circulated an annual letter asking the Appraisal District to confirm that the TLC had the correct boundaries for Milam County school districts. The Appraisal District found a discrepancy between the State's ISD maps and the local ones. Some preliminary fact finding by the Appraisal District lead them to believe the local maps were in error.

However, more data came to light after the Appraisal District implemented the changes to their maps. Buckholts ISD Superintendent Dirk Dykstra found maps and plats of two school districts from the early 1900's that were later absorbed by Buckholts ISD. The original plats of these two school districts showed the boundary of Buckholts ISD to be the original location of the Little River, which is the boundary that the Appraisal District had to begin with.

There was never a dispute between the two school districts or the Appraisal District. "Once the original ISD plats for Corinth and Bryant Station were discovered, it changed the focus from where the boundary needed to be placed to petitioning the TLC to update their records. Once we had the right individual at the correct State office, it was a fairly simple and quick process." said Dyann White, Chief Appraiser of the Milam Appraisal District.

The Appraisal District has no record of how or why the Texas Legislative Council's maps were changed, but it appears they have been wrong for quite some time. "What we originally thought was an error in the Appraisal District's map turned out to be an error in the State's map. The next step is to notify the affected taxpayers that they will continue to pay school tax to Buckholts ISD." Dyann White, CA.

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