

# Special Award Nomination Form

Please attach this form to your one-page nomination for a Special Award. This award will be presented to the member(s) or group(s) who/which has made an extraordinary contribution to AAPL, the land profession, the industry, or the community. May include but is not limited to:

- **Education** – may be presented to a member who has achieved a level of unusual distinction in AAPL’s continuing education program as demonstrated by his/her contribution of time and service to the betterment of land professionals.
- **AAPL Committee Member Award** – may be presented to an AAPL Committee member who has greatly exceeded expectations.
- **Community Service** – may be presented to a member who has contributed greatly toward civic improvement in his/her local community.
- **Other** – may be presented to a member who has achieved unusual distinction or contributed significantly the betterment of land professionals in any other way deemed worthy of recognition.

NAME OF NOMINEE: Surprise Valley Resources

LOCAL ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION: Houston Association of Professional Landmen

NOMINATED BY: Houston Association of Professional Landmen

## **2024 AAPL Special Award – Community Service**

### **Surprise Valley Resources**

**Surprise Valley Resources** (SVR) is committed to facilitating impactful community service opportunities and encourages participation from employees and contractors. Each quarter, SVR selects an organization to support. Some of the organizations include Kids' Meals, Books Between Kids, Blessings in a Backpack, Friends of Texas Wildlife, the Galveston Bay Foundation, Trees for Houston, Spring Branch Food Pantry, and the Houston Food Bank.

In addition to local service opportunities, SVR is committed to annual charitable giving. For years, their focus has been Birdies for Charity, St. Jude Children's Hospital, the Adam McCauley Cancer Foundation, River Oaks Baptist School, St. Theresa Catholic Church, the Texas Forestry Association, and many others.

Surprise Valley Resources supports the land profession by consistently participating and sponsoring HAPL events, encouraging new landmen to join and to volunteer, and by actively participating and supporting multiple land associations including AAPL, PBLA, and DAPL.

The company's founder and principal, Wade Eddington, joined HAPL in 2008 and began volunteering on the Skeet Shoot Committee. He assumed the role of chairman in 2009 and quickly became more involved in the association after being appointed Director for a 2-year term. Following this appointment, he went on to serve in HAPL officer roles for many years, holding virtually every position on the executive board including serving as HAPL President during one of the most challenging periods for our association.