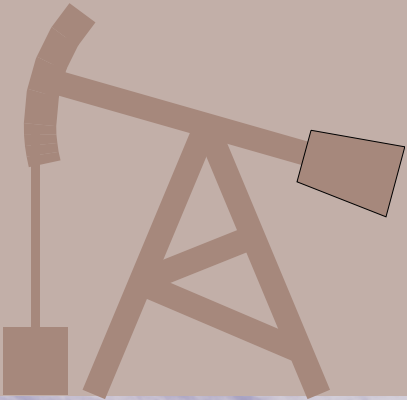


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TEXAS PRIMARY ELECTION WRAP UP

The Texas primary elections held in early March proved that the current cycle is never ending. After a record number of retirements, including high ranking members and Chairmen, the election centered around which races would head to a runoff, and which races would clear the majority threshold to be their party's candidate in the November general election.

Of the statewide races, all but the Governor are headed into a runoff— Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Commissioner of the General Land Office, Comptroller and Railroad Commissioner.

For attorney general, both parties are headed to a runoff. Incumbent Attorney General Ken Paxton will face current Land Commissioner George P. Bush in the Republican runoff and Rochelle Garza and Joe Jaworski will face each other in the Democratic runoff.

The Democratic party will see a runoff between Michelle Beckley and Mike Collier for Lt. Governor.

In the Land Commissioner race, Senator Dawn Buckingham narrowly missed an outright with with 42% of the vote. She will face Tim Westley in the Republican runoff. Jay Kleberg will face Sandragrace Martinez in the Democratic runoff.

Janet Dudding and Angel Luis Vega will face off for the Democratic party general election candidate for Comptroller.

The final statewide race of Railroad Commissioner that is also headed to a runoff is between current Chairman of the Railroad Commission, Wayne Christian and Sarah Stogner. The winner of that race will face Luke Warford (D) and Jaime Diez (L) in the general election.

Current Agricultural Commissioner Sid Miller defeated all opponents and will face Susan Hays (D) in the general election.

In addition to the above mentioned runoffs, there are 12 U.S. House Districts, 2 Texas Senate districts, 23 Texas House districts, and 4 State Board of Education races that will have runoff elections.

The runoffs will be held on Tuesday, May 24 with the general election following on Tuesday, November 8.

There are also local elections on Saturday, May 7.

UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TLMA Members—

I say this every year, but it's hard to believe that we're already a quarter of the way through the year! I am thoroughly enjoying the beautiful wildflowers and bluebonnets that have bloomed the past couple of weeks

In late March, I attended the Texas & Southwestern Cattleraisers Association Convention. We had a good turn out. I got to meet existing members and gain a couple of new ones. Don't forget to tell everyone you know to join. We need your help to continue to fight the big fights that are quickly approaching.

I am scheduled to attend the NARO-TX Conference in Dallas this July and the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course in August. If you plan to attend, please make sure to stop by and say hello! Otherwise, I hope to see all of you at our Statewide Members Meeting in October.

Registration for the 2022 Statewide Members Meeting will open in June and a registration form will be included in the summer newsletter. I am very excited to be back in person this year and am working to secure some great speakers!

Prior to interim charges being released, we received word from industry peers on some of the issues on which they will be working and would like to collaborate with us. We are THRILLED that this progress has been made, relationships have been built, and we have begun conversations about upcoming legislative issues before any bills are filed. In late March and early April, the House and Senate released their interim charges and we will be closely monitoring these issues and hearings. Emerging issues, including carbon sequestration and geothermal energy, will take the stage in the upcoming session. So what does that mean for you? A lot. Most of the impact to our members remains in the TBD category, but potential impacts include forced pooling, new/additional leases, and infrastructure development. As we get more information, we will continue to keep you updated, but know that we will absolutely have our hands full next session. We will likely be calling on you for help contacting legislators.



As you'll see later in the newsletter, I was named co-chair of the Texas Produced Water Consortium. I have learned a significant amount about how the various policies impact landowners and the opportunities for re-use in Texas. Look out for polls and questionnaires that may come your way as I try to learn more on the direct impact to our members.

We receive a number of calls from nonmembers seeking assistance for issues they are having—primarily not being able to get in contact with their lessor or not receiving royalty payments. While I'd like to think our members don't have these or any issues, I don't believe that is the case. If you have an issue, please let me know. This helps tailor our efforts and select speakers and topics that are most important to you. You can send an email to info@tlma.org or mail the information to the TLMA office (1005 Congress Avenue, Suite 360, Austin, TX 78701).

I hope you all have a wonderful rest of the spring and continue to pray for rain!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer".

SPEAKER PHELAN ANNOUNCES 87TH LEGISLATURE INTERIM CHARGES

Due to the three special sessions called in the fall and primary elections in early March, interim charges for the 87th Legislature were released much later than in a typical legislative cycle. Speaker Dade Phelan (R-Beaumont) announced the charges in late March. The House Energy Resources Committee charges are:

1. Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 87th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including the following: HB 1520, relating to extraordinary costs incurred by gas utilities relating to Winter Storm Uri and the authority to issue bonds and impose fees and assessments; HB 3648, which requires the designation of certain natural gas facilities as critical customers or critical gas suppliers during energy emergencies; and SB 3, relating to preparing for, preventing, and responding to weather emergencies and power outages. (Joint charge with Committee on State Affairs)
2. Assess efforts made by the Railroad Commission and the Texas Energy Reliability Council to weatherize infrastructure and ensure reliability of the natural gas delivery system during times of disaster.
3. Examine ways to increase the production of oil and gas within the state. Review state and local regulations that could directly impact the exploration or production of oil and gas and make recommendations for increasing Texas' energy independence.
4. Explore options for expanding the state's underground natural gas storage capacity, including using excess storage capacity for carbon capture opportunities and the creation of a strategic natural gas reserve for the state.
5. Evaluate innovative and emerging energy sources. Identify and make recommendations to address legislative or regulatory obstacles to the use, development, and deployment of viable innovative and emerging energy sources.

In addition to issuing interim charges, Speaker Phelan also formed the House Interim Study Committee on Criminal Justice Reform and the House Select Committee on Health Care Reform.

For a full listing of the House of Representatives committee hearings, visit <https://house.texas.gov/schedules/committee-schedules/>. TLMA will monitor all charges of interest to our members.

TLMA JOINS TEXAS PRODUCED WATER CONSORTIUM

During the 87th Regular Legislative Session, Chairman Charles Perry passed Senate Bill 601 creating the Texas Produced Water Consortium (TxPWC) to study the current and potential uses of water produced during oil and gas production. Some potential uses include for oil and gas production, irrigation, and more. Additionally, the TxPWC will address the ownership issue from H.B. 3247 by Representative Drew Darby during the 86th Legislative Session.

Executive Director, Jennifer Bremer, serves as co-chair of the Policy Subcommittee that will guide policy development and changes.

You can learn more about the Consortium at <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/research/tx-water-consortium/>.

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

Tuesday, April 26—House State Affairs hearing on Rural Broadband
Tuesday, May 3—RRC Open Meeting
Tuesday and Wednesday, May 10 and 11—Senate Water, Ag, and Rural Affairs Hearing, Austin
Tuesday, May 17—RRC Open Meeting
Tuesday, June 7—RRC Open Meeting
Wednesday, July 13—NARO Texas Conference, Dallas
Monday-Wednesday, August 1-3, 2022—Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course
Wednesday, October 5, 2022—TLMA Cocktail Reception (by invitation only)
Thursday, October 6, 2022—TLMA Statewide Members Meeting, San Antonio

RRC Open Meetings can be viewed and the agenda can be found at rrc.texas.gov.

House committee hearing information can be found at <https://house.texas.gov/schedules/committee-schedules/>

Senate committee hearing information can be found at <https://senate.texas.gov/events.php>

UPDATED OIL AND GAS ATTORNEY LIST



TLMA maintains a list of land and mineral owner friendly oil and gas attorneys that is available to both members and nonmembers. It is updated at the beginning of every year. If you would like a copy of the list, please email info@tlma.org.

We also have an oil and gas lease available and draft letters you can use to contact your operator. Just a few of our benefits of being a member!

Spot Prices



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

2022 STATEWIDE MEMBERS MEETING REGISTRATION

This year, the TLMA Statewide Members Meeting returns IN-PERSON at the McNay Art Museum in San Antonio. Mark your calendars so you can join us on Thursday, October 6, 2022. Registration is not yet open, but will be announced in the summer newsletter.

We are seeking sponsors and exhibitors!

If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring the event, please email execdir@tlma.org for the appropriate form and more details on the opportunities available.

Previous exhibitors receive the first right of refusal to this year's meeting. If you know of a business that would be interested in exhibiting at our meeting, please email execdir@tlma.org.



TLMA ELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN

During the January meeting, the TLMA Board of Directors confirmed Chairman-elect James Broussard, a life-long Beaumont resident, as the 2022-2023 Chairman of the Board.

James is the founder of several companies that focus on mineral ownership. He manages surface and mineral properties for the collective Heirs of J.E. Broussard and his personal holdings. James is currently focusing on developing opportunities for Texas landowners through subsurface Co2 injection and nature-based carbon sequestration.

James is a member of the American Association for Petroleum Landmen, Three Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and a Member of Saint Anne Catholic Church. James is an avid fly fisherman and hunter, frequently being found poling his skiff in San Antonio Bay or the wetlands surrounding Texas Point.

James and his wife, Monica, remain in Beaumont and have three children – Josie, Casey, and Belle.



TEXAS SENATE RELEASES INTERIM CHARGES

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick released the interim charges for the 87th Legislature. Of interest to TLMA members are Natural Resources and Economic Development and Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs Committees charges. Charges of interest are included below.

Natural Resources and Economic Development Committee

- **Natural Gas Storage:** Study the economic benefits of expanding the state's underground natural gas storage capacity and infrastructure. Investigate and make recommendations for additional natural gas transportation opportunities.
- **Wildfires and Prescribed Burns:** Examine ways to reduce the risk of and destructive impact of wildfires. Monitor the role the Prescribed Burning Board plays in controlled burns. Recommend practices and improvements that public and private landowners may use to reduce fire risks.
- **Monitoring:** Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development passed by the 87th Legislature, as well as relevant agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction. Specifically, make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation of the following:
- House Bill 1284, Relating to the regulation of the injection and geologic storage of carbon dioxide in this state;
- House Bill 3973, Relating to a study on abandoned oil and gas wells in this state and the use of the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund; and

Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs Committee

- **Water Utility Infrastructure:** Evaluate the state's water infrastructure. Study and make recommendations on options to upgrade and update water infrastructure to address deferred maintenance, disasters, and water loss.
- **Water Supply:** Review and make recommendations to complete specific projects identified in the 2022 State Water Plan. In light of recent changes to the global economy, consider the current regulatory process regarding innovative technology solutions to water supply needs, such as marine desalination, and make recommendations for their improvement.
- **Groundwater Management and Protection:** Evaluate the status and effectiveness of the State's groundwater management process, including data used to support regional water planning and conservation goals. Report on the effectiveness of the State's groundwater protection efforts and whether statutory changes are needed to protect groundwater quality.
- **Agricultural Theft:** Study the impact of cattle theft on farming and ranching operations throughout Texas and recommend cost-effective measures to mitigate loss and increase security.

The full listing of charges can be found at <https://www.ltgov.texas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-Interim-Charges.pdf>

The committee schedule for the Senate Committees can be found at <https://senate.texas.gov/events.php>.



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TLMA Membership Information Form

I would like to join TLMA I am a member, please update my contact info

Please return to: TLMA, 1005 Congress Ave., Suite 360, Austin, TX 78701

Name _____

Organization/Ranch Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Referred by _____

Don't forget!

If your contact information changes, be sure to update TLMA and avoid delays in receiving your newsletters, renewal notices, and other correspondence.

To change your address or any other membership information, contact Robbie Querner at (512) 479-5000, mail in this form, or log in to your membership account online at www.tlma.org.

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