



## 2019 Membership Renewals

Friendly reminder! Please contact us ([caci@pbpa.info](mailto:caci@pbpa.info) or (432) 684-6345) if you have not renewed your PBPA Membership for 2019! We are successful because of our membership support and look forward to another year serving you and the Permian Basin oil and natural gas community.

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### Need to Know

#### **PBPA Sine Die Report**

On Monday, May 27, 2019, the Texas Legislature concluded its 86th Regular Session. While the legislative work has concluded, the governor's veto period runs until January

16, 2019, so the book is yet to be fully written on this session.

Each of you should have received the PBPA's "86(R) Texas Legislative Update Sine Die Edition" yesterday, but in case you missed it, you can review that [report here](#). We will be sending out a final report after the veto deadline.

Thank you to all our members for their support and commitment to the PBPA during this legislative session. If you have any questions on information in the report or any topics you don't see covered, please let us know.

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### **New Mexico OCD Fees**

Through SB 533, passed during the recent New Mexico Legislative Session, the legislature granted the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) the ability to charge fees on certain administrative applications. On April 4, 2019, Governor Lujan Grisham signed SB 533 and the bill will become effective July 1, 2019. For a press release from the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department on these new fees, [click here](#).

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### **Out in the Community**

**U.S. Census 2020:** On May 9, 2019, PBPA participated in a roundtable hosted by the U.S. Census Bureau to discuss the upcoming census, specifically focusing on how the count is being impacted by the oil and gas industry and the challenges the mobility of the industry's workforce may create for an accurate count of population. Other round table participants included PBPA board member Paul Kenworthy, Midland Mayor Jerry Morales, Odessa City Councilman Dewey Bryant, and Mike Hernandez with Permian Lodging.

Participants gave their support for encouraging participation amongst Permian Basin communities and residents to ensure that every person is correctly accounted for. Permian Lodging has committed their company to set up onsite computer labs at their lodging facilities to make sure temporary workers who qualify as residents are informed about and have the resources available to participate in the census next year. Just as PBPA advocates for the Permian Basin on the state level, we will continue our efforts federally by helping the Census Bureau with education and advertising so that Permian Basin communities can reap as much national support as we deserve through a successful Census in 2020.

**Water Round Table:** On May 14, 2019, PBPA attended the Environmental Legacies and Water Consideration Related to Oil and Gas Roundtable. The Roundtable was held at the Petroleum Museum and hosted by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. Panelists covered a multitude of topics and gave their opinions on surface development and disturbances, site planning, reconstruction and restorations, as well as challenges of regulation, orphaned and abandoned wells, and endangered species. Panelists generally agreed that regulations help both landowners and operators protect themselves, but that without correct staffing and implementation, there wasn't much weight from making them in the first place.

Currently, panelist Melinda Taylor and some colleagues are conducting research in Presidio County and its surrounding areas that aren't heavily focused in oil and gas at the moment, to prove that there could be a way with more thoughtful planning and

design, to conduct oil and gas business with more structure and less disturbance to the surface. All panelists agreed also that as far as energy density was concerned, oil and gas is still one of the best routes to find and produce energy in terms of net acres and although renewable energy might be better in terms of emissions, production of said renewables still have environmental legacies that are negative and in some cases have even less regulations.

**City of Pecos Politics:** On May 16, 2019, PBPA visited our friends in Pecos at that week's City Council Meeting. Pecos had a runoff election for Mayor, as well as a few other things, on May 6th. Unfortunately, no winner could be determined due to votes being too close, so there will now be a second run off election on June 8th. We will continue to keep up with the happenings in Reeves county and the City of Pecos.

**Permian Basin Water Management Council (PBWMC):** PBPA was fortunate enough to be invited to the PBWMC meeting held May 22, 2019. The group's quarterly meeting started off with an operators only roundtable discussion on a variety of logistical topics regarding water use, treatment, transport, and storage. The morning session was followed by lunch and presentations by Andy Sherman of Terves, Inc. regarding self-removing dissolvable plugs and balls, and Richard Brantley of University Lands on the organizations water resources stewardship. This is a dedicated group of professionals, made up of many PBPA members, working to improve water management in the Permian Basin The PBPA is honored to helping this group on the legislative and regulatory side in their endeavors.

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### **Permian Basin Environmental Regulatory Seminar**

On May 23, 2019, PBPA, along with the Midland College Petroleum Professional Development Center and the Society of Petroleum Engineers, hosted the annual Permian Basin Environmental Regulatory Seminar. The seminar is held in response to concerns from oil and gas industry professionals who need to keep current with environmental regulatory and policy changes. Every year, this seminar focuses on regulatory changes from the past year, distilled to highlight changes with actual operational impacts. Attendees at this year's seminar not only heard about regulatory issues at the federal and state levels, but also updates on local issues impacting operations, and about advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C., Austin, and Santa Fe.

On the Texas side of regulatory updates, attendees heard from James Nolan with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, who focused his presentation on air permit authorizations for oil & gas production and handling facilities, and Ryne Smith with the Railroad Commission of Texas, who focused his presentation on data system updates. On the New Mexico side, attendees heard an update from former Bureau of Land Management "spill lady" Shelly Tucker on what to expect moving forward with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's new spill rule, along with other updates on the BLM.

Attendees also received advocacy updates on federal and state issues from Dan Naatz with IPAA, Ryan Flynn with NMOGA, and PBPA's own Stephen Robertson. There were also more localized presentations from John Speed, District Engineer at the Odessa District Texas Department of Transportation office, who spoke about the need to focus on a culture of safety on Permian Basin roads, Richard Brantley with University Lands, who spoke about the organization's focus on water stewardship. The seminar concluded with an incredibly impactful presentation from Kelly, Hart, Hollman attorney, Max Wright, who brought home the challenges professionals can face personally in the oil patch.

Thank you to all those who made the seminar possible, including the volunteer

advisory team, staff of the Midland College PPDC, and luncheon sponsor Sport Environmental.

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### **New Mexico Mourns the Passing of a Pioneer**

On the morning of Friday, May 24, 2019, New Mexico State Senator and former Navajo code talker John Pinto passed away. Senator Pinto had served New Mexico in the state Senate since 1977 and at his passing was the most senior member of that body. Senator Pinto was 94 years young.

Senator Pinto will lie in state at the New Mexico State Capitol in Santa Fe on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, beginning at 2:00 pm Mountain Time. There will be a rosary at 10:30 AM on May 30, 2019, followed by a mass at 11:00 AM at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Gallup. A reception at Red Rocks State Park will follow the mass.

Our condolences go out to the family of Senator Pinto. The [Albuquerque Journal](#) paid homage to the icon and American hero as did the [Farmington Daily Times](#).

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### **Midland County Loses a Generational Leader**

On Sunday morning, May 26, 2019, just after midnight, Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter passed away at his residence. Sheriff Painter, 72 at his passing, had been Midland County Sheriff since 1985.

In 1966, Painter enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served two tours of duty in Vietnam. Painter began his career in law enforcement in 1970. He served with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Culberson County Sheriff's Office, Presidio County Sheriff's Office and the Midland Police Department before starting with the Midland County Sheriff's Office in 1982. He is survived by his wife Patsy, five children, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements have been announced for Sheriff Painter, with a viewing planned for 4:00-6:00 PM, Wednesday, May 29, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, 3800 N. Big Spring St. The funeral service is scheduled for 2:00 PM, Thursday, May 30, at the Midland County Horseshoe, 2514 Arena Trail. Members of the public may attend both the viewing and the funeral, which is under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch.

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### **BLM Scoping Period on 7,500+ acres**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking public input during a two-week scoping period on 16 parcels of land, or over 7,500 acres of federal minerals, which have been proposed for the November competitive oil and gas lease sale. Five parcels in Lea County and five in Eddy County will be included in the lease sale, which is tentatively scheduled for November 7, 2019.

The scoping process, which this goaround begins on May 28th and concludes on June

10th, is intended to solicit public input on relevant issues, potential impacts, and alternatives that the BLM should address in an environmental assessment to be prepared in compliance with NEPA.

For more information on the scoping process, please see this article published by the [Hobbs News Sun](#).

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## PBPA Events

### PBPA Committee Meetings

Permian Basin Air Quality Working Group - May 30, 2019  
(Organizational Meeting)

SHOC (ESA Committee) - June 12, 2019

Electrical Coalition - June 13, 2019

For meeting times and locations, please email [stephen@pbpa.info](mailto:stephen@pbpa.info)

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## Other Events



### EXCLUSIVE LUNCHEON FEATURING DAVID PORTER & RYAN ZINKE

Please join us for a roundtable discussion on oil and gas industry issues with two prominent leaders: David Porter, founder of 98th Meridian Foundation and former Railroad Commissioner of Texas, and the Honorable Ryan Zinke, who served as United States Secretary of the Interior in the Trump Administration and was a commander in SEAL Team Six.



DAVID PORTER

RYAN ZINKE

**MAY 29, 2019**  
**11 AM - 1 PM**  
**PETROLEUM CLUB OF MIDLAND**



RSVP TO [INFO@98THMERIDIANFOUNDATION.ORG](mailto:INFO@98THMERIDIANFOUNDATION.ORG)  
HOSTED BY 98TH MERIDIAN FOUNDATION AND CRESSMAN TUBULAR

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## Permian Basin Regional Freight / Energy Sector Transportation Plan Kickoff

On Friday, May 31, 2019, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be hosting a kick-off meeting for the development of its Permian Basin Regional Freight/Energy Sector Transportation Plan ("Plan"). At the meeting you can expect an overview of the project and interactive group discussions focused on freight and energy sector transportation. PBPA is an active member on the Plan advisory team and we wanted to make sure our members were aware of this event. We will include an update about the May 31st event and any progress on the Plan in future emails.

If you have any questions about the Plan or the May 31st meeting, or would like additional information on either, please feel free to contact Casey Wells, Freight Planner with TxDOT, at [Casey.Wells@TxDOT.Gov](mailto:Casey.Wells@TxDOT.Gov) or 512-423-8986.

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**Save The Date**

June 25, 2019  
7:30 am  
Lea County Event Center  
Hobbs, NM

FREE Event

Sponsorships and  
Booths are available

For more information, visit [www.EnergyPlexConference.org](http://www.EnergyPlexConference.org)

The 3rd annual New Mexico EnergyPlex Conference will be held June 25th, 2019 at the Lea County Event Center in Hobbs, NM. Mark the date on your calendar!

Contact the EDCLC at (575) 397-2039 or visit [EnergyPlexConference.org](http://EnergyPlexConference.org) for more information and to register.

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IPAA will be hosting its 89th Midyear Meeting June 24-26 at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the birthplace of IPAA. For more information on this year's event, [click here](#).

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